Doctrine of the Priesthood

Let virtue garnish thy thoughts unceasingly; then shall thy confidence wax strong in the presence of God; and the doctrine of the priesthood shall distil upon thy soul as the dews from heaven. (D & C 121:45)

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The Early Israelite/Christian Doctrine Regarding The Incarnation of Yahweh and Satan at The Beginning of the World

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Introduction

Latter-day Saints understand the Bible is not always "translated Correctly", that "Many Plain and Precious Parts" were removed. The Dead Sea Scrolls reveal that among these is an Ancient Israelite/Christian Doctrine that Yahweh was Born on Earth as the Firstborn Son of Father Adam. First he was born as Abel, and then later, after his Murder by Cain, he was incarnate once again on Earth in the person of Seth, who was the Firstborn Son and Birthright Heir of Father Adam.

In keeping with all this, it is also revealed that according to the original story line of Genesis, that rather than Cain being the FirstBorn Son of Adam, that actually he was not the son of Adam at all, but rather the son of the Serpent and Lilith — hence Cain was both the Devil and the Son of the Devil incarnate on Earth in the flesh.

In view of this ancient knowledge and understanding, new light is thrown upon the Sacrifice of Cain and Abel — the whole object and purpose for which they offered sacrifice is opened up and revealed for what it actually was: namely an offering and bid to be accepted as the Messiah and Saviour of the World. As the Bible tells us, Cain was Rejected while Abel was accepted. Yet this notwithstanding Cain remained undaunted and firm in the belief that through an act of Murder, in the End of Time, he might still win out. Consequently Cain Murdered his Competition. However, much to his consternation, as he soon discovered, rather than being accepted as Christ the Messiah, Cain was Cursed to be a Wandering Vagabond and the Devil Incarnate on Planet Earth, while his act of Murder won for him the title and calling of the Anti-Christ.

In keeping with this, and just as it is stated in Genesis, One Hundred and Thirty years after his Murder, Abel's replacement was born, at which time the Spirit of Yahweh/Abel was Incarnate once again on Earth in the person of Seth. During Yahweh's Incarnation as Seth, He lived a long life in service to His Father, and at which time he became as it were the Right Arm of God, and the Primordial father and Patriarch of the Covenant Race.

As we shall see, even though it is true that some passages pertaining to this doctrine have been obscured and removed from the text of the New and Old Testament — yet all this notwithstanding, there are still other passages which remain, that testify that this was the original doctrine of Ancient Israel and Early Christianity. Not only so, but amazing as it may seem, this doctrine can also be found in the Revelations of Joseph Smith — hence in this Doctrine we have a New Witness to the Prophetic calling of the founding Prophet of the Restoration.

Awake to Righteousness,
&
Sin Not;
For Some have not the knowledge of God:
I Speak this to Your Shame.
(1 Cor 15:34)

Orson Pratt before the Quorum of the Twelve

I heard brother Young say **that Jesus had a Body [of] Flesh and Bones Before he came [in the Meridian of Time and Before] he was born of the Virgin Mary**, it was so contrary to every revelation [ever] given. (Minutes of Meeting with the Quorum of the Twelve and Orson Pratt, April 5th, 1860)

A Statement of the Saviour Regarding

The

Identity

of

the Father and the Son

¶In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, *that thou hast* **Hid These Things** *from the wise and prudent,* and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered to me of my Father: and *no man knoweth* **who the Son is**, *but the Father;* and *[no man knoweth]* **who the Father is**, *but the Son,* **and he to whom the Son will reveal him**. (Luke 10:21–22)

The Early Israelite/Christian Doctrine Regarding The Incarnation of Yahweh and Satan At The Beginning of the World

Damn the Philosophers & Damn Orthodoxy

Damn the Apostates & Damn the Politically Correct!

Through the Revelations of God the Code has been Cracked!

This is the Doctrine of God as it was understood in Ancient Christianity
&
The Original Doctrine of the New & Old Testament!

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To begin with, it would be helpful for those who are present to understand, that there is one doctrinal concept which would assist in connecting the dots, and aid in a better understanding of the ideas that will be presented. However, due to lack of time it will only be possible to briefly mention this subject, with a short explanation. The Docterine of which I speak is that of "Adam-God".

The Adam-God Doctrine

Those who are aware of what President Young taught regarding Father Adam, will find themselves in a better position to understand the essence of this paper — the reason being that there are passages of Scripture in the New and Old Testament which defy understanding, without first coming to grips with what President Young taught with respect to the Doctrine of Adam-God.

Note: An abbreviated version of this paper was delivered at the 6 August 2011 Sunstone Symposium in Ogden, Utah.

In a nutshell President Young taught that God the Father came down on Earth and lived in mortal flesh in the person of Father Adam — and that Adam was the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, both in the spirit and in the flesh. What this means is that our Divine Father willingly Sacrificed His own Life, in order to bring His children into a Probationary state in Mortality. Hence, in the most literal sense, our Divine Father and Mother both sacrificed their lives for us, just the same as did our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Corruption of Scripture

The 8th Article of Faith states: "We Believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly" (PGP Articles of Faith 8) — the idea being that in fact the Bible is not always translated correctly. In adding to this, the Book of Mormon tells us that "many plain and precious things" were removed from the Bible by the "Christian" Church after the time of Christ. On top of this, the Dead Sea Scrolls prove that there were many passages that were obscured and removed from the Old Testament even before the time of Christ.

Through the removal of certain blocks of text, and the corruption of others, the Doctrine of "the Son Yahweh" as originally understood in Ancient Israel was removed from the Old Testament. Originally it was understood that Yahweh was incarnate on Earth at the beginning of time, as the Firstborn son of Father Adam. Not only so, but it was also understood that He was the father of the Covenant Race, and hence His especial connection and preoccupation with the House of Israel.

When all the pieces of the puzzle are assembled, a picture immerges wherein it is revealed that rather than Cain the Murderer being the Firstborn son of Adam, that in fact Cain was not the son of Adam at all! On the contrary, according to the original writing of Genesis, rather than Cain being the Son of Adam, actually he was the son of the Serpent. Hence, according to the original reading of Genesis, Cain was revealed for who and what he was — both the Devil and the Son of the Devil — and this too, incarnate on Earth in the Flesh.

Once the usurpation of Cain as the Firstborn is seen for what it is, it becomes possible to recognize "Righteous Abel" (Matt 23:35) for who and what he was. Indeed, rather than Cain, actually Abel was the first to "Open the Matrix" — consequently Abel was the Firstborn. Hence in the most literal sense, Abel was the incarnation of the Christ, while at one and the same time, Cain was the incarnation of the Devil.

In view of this we can now understand the Sacrifice and Offering of Abel and Cain for what they were. In the case of Abel, his Offering and Sacrifice was to ratify and confirm a former calling, to which he had been foreordained before the world was, to be the Savior of the World. Hence Abel's vicarious offering of himself, through the sacrifice of a "Lamb" — while at one and the same time Cain had an altogether different idea, which he demonstrated

through his offering of "Produce". We see in this, then, that the sacrifice of Abel and Cain was the final bid and offering to be Christ the Messiah and the Saviour of the World, with each anticipating that they would be accepted and chosen. However, as it turned out, the Father's Foreordination of His Firstborn Son as the Christ was Ratified and Confirmed in the person of Abel — while Cain's petition was again Rejected.

Cain however remains undaunted, for he knows that things have changed. Indeed the world has fallen, and this has tipped the scale in his favor. Consequently, his next move was an act of Murder, whereby he attempted to eliminate his Competition and thereby usurp the thrown of the Christ. However, contrary to what he had hoped, what he actually received for this act of Murder was the badge of the Anti-Christ. Among other things, he was cast out to become a Wanderer and a Vagabond and the Devil of Planet Earth — and hence the evil works of his children as described in Scripture.

As for Abel, his work was not yet done — consequently about 130 years later he was Incarnate again on the Earth in the person of Seth. It is at this time that the Christ was incarnate on Earth in the precise image and likeness of his Father, just as it is stated in Genesis chapter 5 (Gen 5:1–3). Again it was also at this time that he would sit at the right hand of the Father for 800 years — and when he would in a most literal sense, became the Right Arm of Almighty God. Not only so, but it was also at this time that Yahweh would become the Patriarch and father of the "Covenant Race".

Deuteronomy 32

No doubt one of the most significant texts to be altered in the Old Testament is found in the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy. This chapter contains the "Song of Moses". It was one of the last great messages of the Israelite Prophet, and was delivered just before his passing. It was to be sung Perpetually by all Israel, as a constant reminder of what they might expect from their Messiah God — who is there identified as Yahweh, one of the many sons of El Elyon, and father and Patriarch of the "Covenant Race". As originally given then, the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy taught that the Son Yahweh had lived on Earth in the flesh at the beginning of time — and that he was the Birthright Son and Heir of Father Adam, and the Primordial Patriarch and father of the House of Israel.

What is important here, is that the original wording of Deuteronomy 32 laid the foundation for understanding the ancient Israelite/Christian doctrine on the Godhead — as in God the Father and the Son Yahweh, together with the Primordial Council of the gods, which was composed of 70 other sons of the Most High.

According to the Song, even in the day of Moses this doctrine was *Ancient.* Indeed so *Ancient* that it went back to the Primordial Time when Father Adam lived on Earth. "Remember the Days Of Long Ago" it states. "Consider the Years of Many [Past] Generations":

ask thy father, and he will shew thee — [ask] thy elders, and they will tell thee — when God the Father gave the nations as an inheritance [to His sons] — when He divided up the Sons of Adam [into 70 different clans], He established the Boundaries of the Tribes according to **THE NUMBER OF THE 70 SONS OF EL**. (Deut 32:7–8)

According to this then, even in the days of Moses, the doctrine contained in the above passage was old! Indeed, it was the original doctrine of the Adamic Religion, and the self same doctrine that was first given to Israel by their Messiah God Yahweh! However, as it turned out, the original text of the above passage was edited by the Masorites — consequently the whole of the message which it contained at the first was never included in the translation of the King James Bible. Yet this notwithstanding, *both the Greek translation as found in the* **SEPTUAGINT**, as well as the Hebrew text of Deuteronomy, *which was found among* the **DEAD SEA SCROLLS** (4Q Deut) — both of these reveal that the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy in the Masoretic Text has been corrupted, and hence the inaccuracy of the King James Version where it concerns the chapter in question.

A reading of the text which was deleted, and the words which were inserted in their place, make it obvious that the intent of those who corrupted the text was to conceal the doctrine of ancient Israel regarding God the Father and His favored Son Yahweh, together with the Primordial Council of the gods. Not only so, but perhaps even more significant is what they removed regarding their Messiah God being **THE GREAT ANCESTOR AND PATRIARCH OF ANCIENT ISRAEL** — a teaching which helps to understand many New Testament statements which were made by Jesus about himself.

When seen for what it is then, the original reading of Deuteronomy 32 constitutes a testimony of major proportions, which turns the traditional understanding of Biblical Theology upside down — upside down that is, for Orthodox Christianity, and Orthodox Jews, but not for the Restored Gospel as it was first revealed through the Prophet Joseph Smith and President Young! Indeed, not only does the original reading agree with the Prophet Joseph Smith and President Young, but it also takes the whole subject one enormous step farther!

Consider the following more complete translation of verses 3 through 9:

I will Proclaim the name of Yahweh — [I will] Declare the greatness of our God. *[He is] the Rock* — ***His Works are Perfect:*** **FOR ALL HIS WAYS ARE JUST**. ***[He is] a Trustworthy God*** **WHO DOES NO WRONG**. [Among all the Sons of El], **HE IS [THE] HONEST AND UPRIGHT [ONE]!**

Yet ***Yahweh's sons*** have corrupted themselves; for **EVEN THOUGH HE HAS FATHERED THEM WITHOUT BLEMISH**, yet have they become a Deceitful and Underhanded Brood, [for they have not kept the Covenant of their fathers]. Do ye thus repay Yahweh, O Foolish and Unwise Tribe? **IS HE NOT THY FATHER WHO GAVE YOU LIFE** — *is it not He that made you,* ***and by whom you Subsist?***

Remember the Days Of Long Ago — Consider the Years of Many [Past] Generations — ask thy father, and he will shew thee — [ask] thy elders, and they will tell thee — when God the Father gave the nations as an inheritance [to His sons] — when He divided up the Sons of Adam [into 70 different clans], He established the Boundaries of the Tribes according to **the Number of the 70 Sons of El. Yahweh's Inheritance was His Own Tribe** — ***Jacob is the Lineage of His Hereditary Line.*** (Deut 32:3–9, 18–20 4Q Dead Sea Scrolls, DSSB, Targum Pseudo-Jonathan, ESV, NLT, RSV, NRSV, M – BCL, NAB, NEB, CEV, CBAT, TB–JMT, KJV, LBP)

In the above Christ is set forth as Yahweh, while in the Hebrew, God the Father is given the personal name of "Elyon", or as it is rendered in the English, the "Most High". Then there are the 70 sons of El, each of whom is given a portion of the world as an inheritance for his Offspring. Not only so, but included with these is also Yahweh, for he also received an Inheritance. What is incredible is that "**Yahweh's Inheritance was His Own Tribe** — ***Jacob is the Lineage of His Hereditary Line***". We have in the above then, a statement that Yahweh had lived on the Earth in the ancient passed, and that the Children of Israel are his Offspring!

It will be noticed that in starting out it speaks of "our God". This is an explicit reference to "Yahweh" who is the National God of Israel, or "our God" as opposed to "the gods" of other nations. Elsewhere these gods of other nations are referred to as "the Host of Heaven", or "the Heavenly Host". In so saying, the existence or reality of these gods of other nations is not questioned. On the contrary, their existence is openly acknowledged. Indeed, the great distinction between these other gods and Yahweh is not to be found in their reality, as opposed to no reality, but rather in the great ***moral gulf*** which separates them from "the Son Yahweh".

The passage begins by declaring "the greatness of our God", after which it goes on to tell wherein this greatness lies:

[He is] the Rock — ***His Works are Perfect:*** **for all His Ways are Just.** ***He is a Trustworthy God*** **Who Does No Wrong.** [Among all the Sons of El], **He is [the] Honest and Upright [One]!**

In these words we have the great distinction between Christ the Messiah and his Brethren of the Primordial Council. For their works are not "Perfect", and all their ways are not "Just". They are not always "Trustworthy", and they have done "Wrong!" The great contrast then, between the brethren of Yahweh and Himself, is that the Son Yahweh is morally "Perfect"![1] Hence He is the

[1]For more regarding the moral ascendancy of Christ the Messiah over his brethren of the Divine Council see Psalms 45 verse 7, where it states that it was because the Son Yahweh "lovest righteousness and hatest wickedness" that he was chosen and "anointed" or lifted up and Exalted High above his brethren. See also Psalms 82 where he calls down his brethren (whom He there designates as "the children of the Most High) of the Divine Council for their

"Lamb without Blemish" — and the "Chosen One", who would be offered up as a sacrifice for the Sins of the World — in other words "the Christ" was "Yahweh of Hosts".

In continuing with verses 5 and 6 it states:

Yet Yahweh's sons have acted Perversely, for **even though He has Fathered them without Blemish**, yet have they become a Deceitful and Underhanded Brood, [for they have not kept the Covenant of their fathers]. Do ye thus repay Yahweh, O Foolish and Unwise Tribe? **Is He not thy Father who Gave You Life** — *is it not He that made you,* ***and by whom you Subsist?*** (Deut 32:5–6)

In these verses the idea that the Son Yahweh is the Ancient Ancestor and Patriarch of the Children of Israel is stated and affirmed in certain terms. In continuing, this same point is driven home once more, when it explains just how it was that the Son Yahweh came to be the father of Ancient Israel. It does this by referring to an ancient doctrine, which as it explains, was handed down *from time immemorial,* from the days of Father Adam. "Remember the Days Of Long Ago" it states, "Consider the Years of Many Generations [past] — ask thy father, and he will shew thee — [ask] thy elders, and they will tell thee":

when God the Father gave the nations as an inheritance [to His sons] — at the time He divided up the Sons of Adam [into 70 different clans], He established the Boundaries of the Tribes according to **the Number of the 70 Sons of El**.[2]

Once again, these passages speak of the beginning, in the days of Father Adam. They tell of that time in the ancient past when God the Father came down on Earth and divided the quorum of His 70 sons, together with their offspring, into 70 different Clans, at which time he gave to each a Territorial Heritage, where their Family Kingdoms would live on Earth. Not only so but according to the above passage, at the time when this was done, the Most High God gave "Wickedness" and — — — — — — — — —
"Irresponsibility". In short the theme of the moral ascendancy of the Son Yahweh over his brethren runs like the Amazon river through the whole of the Old Testament.

[2]As already stated, the Masoretic text for this passage was altered and obscured and the King James Version was based upon the Masoretic text. Hence the following rendering as found in the *KJV*:

When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. (Deut 32:8–9)

In this rendering, the context was changed, from reference to the 70 sons of the Most High, and the 70 nations which ultimately became of their posterity at the beginning of the world, to the 70 descendants of Israel, who immigrated into Egypt, as referred to in Genesis and Exodus: "all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten." (Gen 46:27; Ex 1:5; Deut 10:22; Acts 7:14) Of course it goes without saying, that this twisting is totally out of context with the subject matter, as it is

to each of His 70 sons their own Clan as an inheritance, and established them to be patriarchs and gods in perpetuity over their own posterity. What is interesting is that this passage equates the 70 sons of Adam, who ultimately became the fathers and Patriarchs of 70 different tribes, with the 70 sons of God the Father, or the 70 sons of El Elyon. In other words, in the above text, not only is El Elyon understood to be the Father of the gods, but He is also understood to be the Father of all "Mankind" — and it is on this count that El Elyon is equated with Father Adam.[3]

In continuing, this same chapter goes on to make another great revelation, when it affirms that Yahweh was also numbered among the sons of Adam, and that the Inheritance of Yahweh was that he would be the great Ancestor and Patriarch of the Elect Seed of the Father — the "Chosen Race" or the "House of Israel". According to this then, Yahweh was numbered among the sons of El Elyon, and at the time of the apportioning, He was also given an inheritance in company with his brethren. Once again, as it blatantly states:

Yahweh's Inheritance was His Own Tribe — ***Jacob is the Lineage of His Hereditary Line.*** (Deut 32:18–20)

Once again we have in the above passage a direct affirmation that Yahweh was the ancient Ancestor and Patriarch of the House of Israel. But this is not set forth in Deuteronomy 32 verse 8.

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[3]In keeping with this most interesting thought, it is the 70 sons of God that composed the "General Assembly" (Heb 12:23) or the "Grand Council of the gods" which was established at the foundation of the world, and which is referred to throughout the Old Testament as the "Host of Heaven".

In fact, certain clay tablets have surfaced which date back to the 13th century BC, wherein it is revealed that the ancient understanding was that The Most High God condescended to come down on Earth, at which time He in-dwelt in the flesh, in the person of Father Adam in the Garden of Eden.

According to these texts, after El Elyon, or the Most High God had labored for six days in the Creation (Gen 14:19, *NJB, NIV*) — after this He entered the Garden of Eden, where He suffered a memory loss, just as did Jesus when he was born on Earth. Hence on this day The Most High God enjoyed a day of rest, in a state of innocence, just as it is stated in Genesis (2:2–3; 3:6–7). This is in keeping with what it states in Mark, wherein it is said that "the Sabbath was made for Adam and not Adam for the Sabbath — therefore the Son of Adam is Lord also of the Sabbath. (Mark 2:27–28; *Doctrine of the Priesthood* Vol 8: <Jan 1991> 87–94)

In keeping with this, upon entering the Garden of Eden, Elyon took upon Himself the role of the first man "Adam", with the day of rest ending when He ate the forbidden fruit. It was after eating the forbidden fruit, that El Elyon/Ab Adam was cast out of the Garden of Eden and lost His "immortality", and hence the Fall of Adam, and the fall of all Mankind. Following this, Father Adam had 72 sons, the first and last of which was Yahweh. *I developed this though 23 years ago in the 1988 Sunstone Symposium. This paper has*

all, for there are several other passages in the verses that follow which affirm the same. Consider the following:

Of ***the Rock [i.e. the God] that begat thee*** thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten **God that gave you birth**. And when Yahweh saw it, he abhorred them, because of the provoking of **his sons**, and of **his daughters**. And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end shall be: for they are a very froward generation, ***children*** in whom is no faith. (Deut 32:18–20 KJV)

As we have seen, the message that Yahweh was the Ancient Ancestor and Primordial Patriarch of the House of Israel is stated several times in verses 5 and 6, and then again in verse 9. It is also repeated several more times in verses 18 through 20. Aside from all these, there is yet one other passage in verse 43 which affirms the same doctrine — however as with some of the earlier verses, so also with this, it is not to be found in the King James Bible, because it was removed from the Masoretic text before the King James Version was produced. However it still remains as a part of the text in the Septuagint and it has also been found among the Dead Sea Scrolls. Not only so, but part of this verse is cited verbatim in the New Testament in the Book of Hebrews (Heb 1:6). The English translation of the Septuagint reads as follows:

Rejoice, ye heavens, with him,
and ***let all the angels of God worship him***;
rejoice ye Gentiles, with his people,
and let all the sons of God strengthen themselves in him;
for he will avenge the blood of his sons,
and he will render vengeance, and recompense justice to his enemies
and will reward them that hate him;
and the Lord shall purge the land of his people.
(*The Septuagint with Apocrypha: Greek and English* <*1851–1980*>, Brenton, Deut 32:43)

It is significant that the first part of this verse is verbatim to verse 6 in the 1st chapter of Hebrews, wherein it states:

And again, when . . . [God the Father] bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, **And let all the angels of God worship him**. (Heb 1:6)

We learn from the above passage in the New Testament, that the 43rd verse of Deuteronomy 32 is about Jesus being born into the world, at the beginning of time. Hence the 32nd chapter of Deuteronomy identifies Jesus as Yahweh, the birthright Son of El Elyon. But this is not all that the above passage states. Indeed, it also states that Yahweh has "sons" and that "He will avenge the blood of His sons" who have been murdered by the Heathen Nations. So once again, who were the "sons of Yahweh" and how and when did "Yahweh" become a "father"? As we have seen, this question is answered in the earlier passages. However this information is not to be found in the King James Version, because this part of the passage

was edited out of the Masoretic Text. Again, the missing text for verse 43 was also found in the Deuteronomy Scroll, which was discovered at Qumran. Consider the following:

> Rejoice, O heavens, together with him;
> and bow down to him all you gods,
> for he will avenge the blood of his sons,
> and will render vengeance to his enemies,
> and will recompense those who hate him,
> and will atone for the land of his people.
> (*The Dead Sea Scrolls Bible The Oldest Known Bible Translated for the First Time Into English* <1999> 191)

It will be noticed that in this text, rather than saying: "bow down to him all you angels", it states "bow down to him all you gods". The original reading was "gods", but for the sake of "Monotheism" it was changed to read "angels" in the Septuagint. The same source cited above makes the following comment on this verse:

> Deuteronomy 32:43 is an unusual verse in view of its contents. As the list of variant readings shows, 4Q Deut — supported by the Septuagint — differs markedly from the Masoretic Text and the Samaritan Pentateuch. For example, in the Qumran scroll it is "the heavens" which rejoice, not the nations; and God will avenge the blood of "his sons," not "his servants" [as it reads in the King James Version]. Moreover, the mention of gods "bowing down to God" and "recompensing those who hate him" is absent from the Masoretic Text and the Samaritan Pentateuch. This verse provides a striking example of the very different readings that sometimes appear in the Dead Sea Scrolls. (*The Dead Sea Scrolls Bible* 192)

What follows is a complete rendition of this verse. It is produced by bringing together that which has been preserved in the Dead Sea Scrolls, together with the Septuagint and the Masoretic Text. The references that follow cite some of the newer translations which have responded to this material:

> ¶ **Rejoice in Yahweh** ***all ye Hosts of Heaven;***
> *Bow Down and Worship Him* **all ye gods**;
> ¶ Rejoice in Yahweh all ye Gentiles;
> *Rejoice in Yahweh* **with His children**;
> let all the sons of El strengthen themselves in Him;
> for Yahweh will avenge the blood of **His sons**;
> He will Render Vengeance to His enemies;
> and Recompense Justice to those who hate Him.
> He shall purge **the land of His Children**,
> [and destroy the wicked nations that dwell therein].
> (Deut 32:43 – 4Q Deut. Dead Sea Scrolls; *Septuagint; DSSB*, *KJV*, *NJB*, *ESV*, *NLT*, *NRSV*, *NAB*, *NEB*, *CEV*)

Once again, the meaning and context of this verse is closely tied to the verses that proceed it (i.e. Deut 32:3–9, 18–20, 43). Indeed it is most sig-

nificant that the gods of the Divine Council *are commanded to bow down and worship the Son Yahweh.* Not only so, but as with the earlier verses, the fact that the Son Yahweh is the Ancient Ancestor and Patriarch of the Covenant Race is affirmed again and again.

So which of the many sons of Adam was Yahweh. In keeping with the many affirmations which state that Yahweh was the Primordial father and Patriarch of Ancient Israel, *all we need do is follow the genealogy,* which is given in Genesis. Indeed, the genealogy goes straight back to Seth, *the look alike son* (Gen 5:1–3) *and* Birthright Heir *of Father Adam.*

— Yahweh was the First to Open the Matrix —

In order to come to grips with that which is before us and to fully understand it, we need to discover that essential piece of the puzzle, which allows us to understand Yahweh's relationship as a Son to Father Adam. In the New Testament it is stated that Christ was the Firstborn, which is to say that the Messiah was the First Son of the Divine Father. But when and where was the Son Yahweh born as the "Firstborn" Child of the Father?

For the Latter Day Saints it is understood that the Christ was the Firstborn of the Father in the Spirit Creation. But this of itself does not help us to understand how the Son Yahweh could have been the Presiding Patriarch and father of the House of Israel in the flesh, as it is stated over and over again in Deuteronomy 32. There is however a revelation that was given to the Prophet Joseph Smith which sheds considerable light on this subject:

> And now, verily I say unto you, I was in the beginning with the Father, and am the Firstborn; And all those who are begotten through me are partakers of the glory of the same, and are the church of the Firstborn. (D&C 93:21–22)

Traditionally, in LDS culture this passage has been understood as a reference to the Preexistence and the Spirit Creation. However it must be acknowledged that it does not say this on its face. The above citation commences by stating that "Christ was in the beginning with the Father, and that he was the Firstborn". May I suggest that the "Beginning" here referred to, speaks of the "beginning of the world" in the days of Father Adam. Not only so, but the statement that Christ was "the Firstborn" is a Genealogical reference to the Birth of Christ as the first son of Adam. It therefore defines his place in the family — he was the Firstborn son of Adam and Eve — hence Christ was an Older Brother to his Younger Brethren who would ultimately compose the Council of 70. In other words, the Christ was not the 2nd son, or the 3rd son, or the 4th son — on the contrary, he was the Firstborn Son — which is to say that he was that particular Son that first opened the Matrix or the womb of his mother. This is fundamental to ancient Israelite law.

The problem which this presents for us is that Seth was not the first son of Adam and Eve, for he was *not the son that first opened the Matrix*. This is true, except when he is seen in view of his especial relation to Abel. But to return to our text, the second half of the above passage states that "all those who are begotten through Christ are Partakers of the Glory of the Same, and are the Church of the Firstborn". But who are those who are begotten through Christ, and in *what manner* are they Begotten? The beginning of this passage establishes context for the latter, wherein it states that Christ was the "Firstborn". In other words the last half of this verse refers to a literal birth, just as does the first half. Indeed, the last half of this passage speaks of those who are born on Earth as the descendants of Christ. So again who are those who were begotten through Christ at the Beginning of the world? Those who were 'Begotten through Christ', constitute a clear reference to the "Chosen Seed", or the "Elect Seed of the Father", who descended through Seth and who, as of the time of Abraham, became "the family of Jacob" and "the House of Israel". This then is a perfect equation with Deuteronomy 32, wherein it affirms that:

Yahweh's Inheritance was His Own Children — ***Jacob is the Lineage of His Hereditary Line.*** (Deut 32:9).

The above passage from the Doctrine and Covenants closely parallels another text, which as we have already noted, is found in the New Testament. Once again, consider the following:

> And again, when . . . [God the Father] bringeth in the **FirstBegotten** into the world, he saith, And **let all the angels of God worship him**. (Heb 1:6)

As stated earlier, the above passage cites from the Septuagint translation of Deuteronomy 32 verse 43. In this passage the gods of the Divine Council, who constitute the 70 sons of the Most High, or the Host of Heaven, are equated as "angels", who are commanded to bow down and worship the Christ. This passage speaks of a time when Jesus the Christ, who is here referred to as "the Firstbegotten", was born into the world as the First Son of the Divine Father at the beginning of time. But again, which of the sons of Adam was the Firstborn?

In considering this question, an examination of Genesis, leads us to the shocking conclusion that Cain was the Firstborn! (Gen 4:1–2) But how could this be! The New Testament declares that Christ was the Firstborn, while at one and the same time, Genesis tells us that Cain was the Firstborn. And yet Cain was a "Murder" and a "Liar", which would preclude him from being "the Perfect One" or "the Lamb without Blemish". Not only so, but when Cain and Abel made their offering to God, rather than choosing Cain, the Father chose Abel. By all that is written in the scriptures, it must be acknowledged that God would not foreordain a Murder to be His Firstborn!

Indeed according to the Revelations of the Prophet Joseph Smith, not only was Cain a Murderer "from the beginning", but *even before the world was,* he was foreordained as "Perdition":

> And the Lord said unto Cain . . . . . from this time forth thou shalt be ***the father of his lies*** (John 8:44); **thou shalt be called Perdition**; for *thou wast also* ***before the world.*** (Moses 5:22, 24)

If Cain was "Perdition" even before the world was, this would mean that he was Satan in the Preexistence, and the leading spirit among all the Evil Spirits that Rebelled against the Father and Son in the War in Heaven. This would mean that he was that particular Evil Spirit who wanted to dethrone the Beloved Son, who was the "Firstborn" and "Chosen Heir" of the Father. Bearing this in mind, consider the following revelation which was given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1832:

> And this we saw also, and bear record, that an angel of God who was in authority in the presence of God, *who rebelled against the Only Begotten Son* whom the Father loved and who was in the bosom of the Father, was thrust down from the presence of God and the Son, **And was called Perdition** . . . he was Lucifer, a son of the morning. (D&C 76:25–25)

To be sure the above passage is talking about Satan, who was the leading Spirit in the Rebellion against the Father and the Son in the War in Heaven. Not only so, but it will be noticed that this Evil Spirit is given the name of "**Perdition**", which as we have already seen, was the name that was given Cain "before the world was". Indeed Cain is "**Perdition**", while those who become his Elect Sons are the "**Sons of Perdition**". What this means is that in reality Cain could not possibly have been the son of Adam, much less his Firstborn. Indeed all Evil Spirits who participated in the War in Heaven were denied bodies from the Father in mortality.

So, how then did Cain receive a physical body? Indeed, inasmuch as Cain was "Perdition" even before this world was — and inasmuch as he was the leading Evil Spirit in the War in Heaven, how is it possible that he could have received a Physical Body. Latter-Day Saints are aware that the Evil Spirits that participated in the War in Heaven were denied bodies from the Father — but what they have not realized is that this did not preclude them from receiving a physical body from the Serpent. Indeed, section 76 teaches that the Sons of Perdition will receive a Resurrection. Not only so, but the Endowment Ceremony teaches that the Serpent that appeared in the Garden of Eden had been with Adam on another planet before this world was. Hence we may conclude that the Resurrection of a Son of Perdition is to receive the same kind of body that the Serpent possessed when he appeared to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. As we shall see, this was in fact the

early doctrine of Israel and Christianity — and the fact that this is true is well attested in ancient records, both in and out of the Bible.

Again it will be noticed that Satan/Lucifer is here referred to as "a son of the morning". This parallels Isaiah chapter 14:12 and alludes to the fact that Satan/Cain, was a spirit, that was born as a son on Earth, in the flesh, in the Morn of Creation. In keeping with this, even though Lucifer/Cain's life was prolonged on earth by God (Gen 4:14–15), yet Lucifer/Cain was not given Eternal Life, and the fact that his body would *die* and *decompose* is described in vivid terms in Isaiah:

thou shalt take up this proverb **Against the King of Babylon** [**Note: Cain was the First King and Founder of Babylon** (Gen 4:17)], and say, How hath the oppressor ceased ! the golden city ceased [i.e. Babylon that was founded by Cain] ! Yahweh hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers. [An allusion to the destruction of the wicked, at the time of the Millennial Reign of Christ.] He [i.e. Cain or the Devil] who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth. [This tells of the Cruelty of Lucifer/Cain who Reigned as King in Babylon for 7 hundred years, going forth conquering and to conquer over different nations.] The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying Since thou [Satan/Cain] art laid down, no feller is come up against us. [Rejoicing at the Millennial Reign of Peace.] Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: [Cain has been on top side, in a body of flesh, more than once, but he has now lost his body and departs for below to the world of the wicked dead.] It stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become **weak as we**? art thou become [dead] like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: *the worm is spread under thee, **and the worms cover thee**.* [A vivid description of the rotting corpus of Lucifer/Cain.] How art thou fallen from heaven, **O Lucifer, son of the morning!** *how art thou cut down to the ground,* which didst weaken the nations! [Lucifer/Cain is now dead and in his own place.] For thou has said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the **Stars of El** [i.e. above the 70 sons of El Elyon and above Yahweh]: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation [i.e. Mount Zion], in the sides of the north [i.e. In the great hole which leads to the inner world, in the far north]: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; [Cain ascends above the clouds that hover below the crest of Mount Zion — he endeavors to invade Mount Zion at the time of the tower of Babel.] I will be like the most High. [Cain endeavors to Rival God the Father.] Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. [Lucifer/Cain is cast down to Sheol or Hades which is deep down in the crust of the Earth.] They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; [Since the beginning of the world Lucifer/Cain has waged war over all the Earth — he has destroyed cities and nations and made the world of men as a wilderness.] that opened not the house of his prisoners? [Lucifer/Cain is Cruel to his prisoners.] All the kings of the nations,

even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house [i.e. their own coffin]. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet. Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial [Lucifer/Cain's body will not be buried], because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people [Lucifer/Cain is not a friend to Mother Earth, he is not an Ecologist — not only so but he has betrayed his own people and slain them.] : the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned. Prepare slaughter for his children [i.e. The elect seed of Lucifer/Cain together with all those who serve them shall be consumed by fire.] for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities. For I will rise up against them, saith Yahweh of hosts, and **CUT OFF FROM BABYLON** the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith Yahweh. [Yahweh will destroy all the elect seed of Lucifer/Cain] (Isaiah 14:4–22)

The above description of Lucifer portrays him to be *more than simply* a SPIRITUAL BEING *without* a PHYSICAL BODY. Indeed, as his title indicates, "Lucifer" was the "Son of the Morning", which is to say that he was born on Earth in the "Morn of Creation", in the person of Cain.

Even though long life was common in the days of Adam *(individuals sometimes lived to be nearly a 1000 years old)* — yet as is the case with all mortals, in time even those who live long lives must die. Indeed, even though it is true that God did preserve the life of Cain[4] for a time, yet this is not to suggest that Cain was given Eternal Life. In keeping with this, the above chapter

since been greatly enlarged and published. ("New Light on the Ancient Hebrew/Christian Doctrine on Deity", published in ***Doctrine of the Priesthood*** Vol 8: <January 1991> 1–94).

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[4]It will be remembered that after Cain murdered Abel, rather than being executed for his crime, his life was preserved that he might wander the Earth as a Vagabond. There is in fact a doctrine in Scripture regarding the "Resurrection of the damned". If Cain was Perdition before this world was then he would be slated for this process. According to earlier accounts of the Temple ceremony, the Serpent that tempted mother Eve in the Garden, was a Devil, who had lived on a former earth with Adam, during his probationary state in mortality. In keeping with this, Adam, during his mortal probation, would have become well acquainted, in a negative relationship, with the Intelligence that ultimately became the "Serpent". All this would speak for the idea that at the time the Serpent entered the Garden of Eden, he possessed the Resurrected body of a Son of Perdition.

Again, be it remembered that according to Scripture, before a Son of Perdition can receive a Resurrection, first he must suffer the "Second Death", which is the death of the Spirit body. At this time he will lose the "Divine Image" with which he was Endowed at the time of birth — first when he was born into the family of the Father as a Spirit (Gen 2:1–5; Moses 3:1–5), and then again later when born in the Flesh (Gen 5:1–3). Just how he arrived at this station is not here stated, however, after suffering the "Second Death", a Son of Perdition can no longer give pretense to being a member of the Divine family, for that which made it possible for him to be identified with the family of the Father, is taken from him, and he is then left naked as an Intelligence, without a Physical or Spiritual body (D&C 93:29; Abr 3:18; *TPJS* 350–355).

portrays the long Reign of Terror and War, which Lucifer/Cain has waged over all the face of the Earth, from the time of the Fall, till 6,000 years later, at which time the Earth is destroyed by fire and the Millennium begins.

What is significant, is that Isaiah identifies Lucifer/Cain as the King of Babylon. This is no Metaphor. Indeed, may I suggest that not only was Cain the King of Babylon, but he was also the first King of Babylon. We learn in Genesis that Cain and his children were the first to found a city — and the first to make brass and iron — and no doubt, with this in their hands, they were also the first to make implements of War. In view of these facts, there is no reason to believe that Cain was some Black Aborigine with a bone in his nose, who went "Wandering" around in Africa as a "Vagabond". In saying this, I do not mean to suggest that Cain was not a "Vagabond". I do not doubt that Cain was a "Vagabond". However in all of his wanderings, there is no reason to suppose that he went alone. On the contrary, as the above chapter from Isaiah would suggest, when Cain went Wandering about, he did not go alone, but rather he went in company with his *"army"* and *"navy",* going forth in conquering and to conquer. In so doing he produced the first world empire, "Babylon the Great", the "Golden City". Not only so, but no doubt, every where that he went he established the "Dragon" as his Symbol, together with "Money" and "Capitalism" and his "Satanic Religion", which among other things included "Ritualistic Cannibalism".

No doubt, as with Christ, so also with Cain — he has lived and died more than once on Earth. Indeed according to Prophecy, he will be born again on Earth as the "Anti-Christ", just before the Millennium. In keeping with the above Prophecy from Isaiah, at the conclusion of his reign, his body will be destroyed by the brightness of the coming of Christ, at which time his spirit will be entombed in the pit below for a thousand years. At the end of this time, the spirit of Lucifer/Cain will be set free to be born again on Earth, for one last time (Rev 20:1–3, 5, 8), after which he and his minions will be sent away to their own place into Outer Darkness.

We have already seen that the Prophet Joseph Smith received revelations wherein Cain is named "Perdition", and that he was identified with

However, this state of existence is not permanent, for the scriptures inform us that after this, a Son of Perdition will then become the child of the Devil, and this too, not only in the Spirit, but also in the Flesh, and hence the "Resurrection of the Damned" (John 5:29; 3rd Nephi 26:5).

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At the time of his Resurrection, a Son of Perdition will take upon himself the Image and Likeness of his father, whom he has enlisted to serve, and the scriptures inform us that this father is the Devil. This correlates with Jesus' parable of the Talents, for the Talent which was given by God to the "Wicked and Unprofitable Servant", is taken from him, for the reason that he refused to bring forth the fruit thereof, and after this

"Satan". In view of this it becomes preposterous to believe that Cain was a son of Father Adam, to say nothing of being the Firstborn. On this count, it is significant that the Prophet received yet another revelation wherein it is stated that actually Cain was **NOT** Adam's son:

> And Enoch also beheld the residue of the people *which were the sons of Adam;* ***and they were a mixture of all the seed of Adam*** **SAVE IT WAS THE SEED OF CAIN** (Moses 7:22)

In view of the above we are justified in believing that the passage in Genesis (i.e. Gen 4:1–2) which ascribes Cain's Parentage to Father Adam and Mother Eve, constitutes just one more passage in the Bible which has been altered and corrupted. Indeed, there are words coming right out of the mouth of Jesus in the 8th chapter of John which would argue hard for this point. Not only so, but in the case of the Targum Pseudo-Jonathan — not only does it refute the idea that Adam was the Father of Cain, but it also states in certain terms just who Cain's father was. Indeed, it states that the Serpent, who is there given the name of "Sammael", was the father of Cain.

The Targum Pseudo-Jonathan is an Aramaic translation and commentary of the Hebrew Old Testament, which was produced five hundred years before Christ. It is a record of great antiquity, and argues hard for the idea that the belief that Cain was the son of the serpent is very old. Consider the following:

> And Adam knew that his wife Eve had conceived from Sammael the Angel (of death) and she became pregnant and bore Cain. And he was like those on high and not like those below.

Again in Genesis 5 the same Targum states:

> When Adam had lived a hundred and thirty years, he begot Seth, who resembled his image and likeness. For *before that, Eve had borne Cain,* **WHO WAS NOT FROM HIM** and who did not resemble him. Abel was killed by Cain and Cain was banished, and his descendants are not recorded in the book of the genealogy of Adam. But afterwards he [i.e. Adam] begot one who resembled him and he called his name Seth. (Gen 5:3)

The above directly states that the Serpent Sammael was the father of Cain. According to the ancient understanding, the serpent in the Garden of Eden had legs and feet — and not only legs and feet, but also arms and hands. Consequently it was understood that this serpent stood upright like a man, and that he could walk and talk like a man. Not only so but it was also understood that he was intelligent. Yet all this notwithstanding, he was still a cold blooded reptile. In substance then, the serpent in the garden was understood to be an evil god, who possessed the cold blooded body of a Humanoid Reptile.

It is on this count that some scholars today have recognized that the correct translation for the "snake" in Genesis would be "reptile" rather than "serpent". There are in fact reptiles with legs, just as their are reptiles without legs. Lizards and crocodiles have legs, while the serpent does not. However

rather than having 4 legs, the "reptile" in the Garden of Eden had only 2. In fact this shows up in some of the Book of Abraham Papyri (*Improvement Era* <Feb 1968> 40-E). Again, some reptiles give live birth, while others lay eggs, but all reptiles are cold blooded, and no reptile has breasts, for they do not nurse their young — nor do they have a navel, for they do not have an umbilical cord. In any case, according to the ancient understanding, the reptile in the Garden of Eden was the father of Cain.

According to the original understanding Cain had a human mother Eve/Lilith and a reptile humanoid father who went by the name of "Sammael". As for Cain's mother, later Jewish sources would relate the story of how Eve was seduced by Sammael, and that from that Union she bore Cain. However another even more ancient source, which still survives to this day in Genesis chapter 3, would indicate that originally this was not a part of the story. In other words, rather than Eve, actually Lilith was the mother of Cain.

After Adam and Eve ate the Forbidden Fruit, the Lord God appeared in the Garden of Eden, when among other things, he cursed Sammael. In accordance with this curse, Sammael would beget children and have a seed upon Earth — and as history would prove Cain and his elect offspring would become that seed. In any case, the curse which the Lord God pronounced upon Sammael reads as follows:

> I will put enmity between thee [i.e. Sammael the Serpent] and the woman [Eve], and between thy seed [i.e. Cain], and her seed [i.e. Abel and Seth]". (Gen 3:15)

It will be noticed that the above passage does not say that enmity would exist between the Seed of the Serpent and the seed of Adam, but rather between the seed of the serpent and the seed of Eve. This passage makes a clear distinction between the seed of Eve and the seed of the Serpent. Inasmuch as Cain was the seed of Sammael, the curse as pronounced by God would not work if Cain were Eve's child. On the contrary, according to the "Prophecy", there would be animosity between Eve and Sammael and between the seed of Eve and the Seed of Sammael. In fact, this animosity commenced when Cain Murdered Abel. This passage goes back to the original account of Genesis, before the story line was changed.

Hence we have two different races, or two different sorts of Beings who would be born on Earth. The one inherently Good, and the other inherently Evil. The "Good Seed" was born on Earth through Father Adam and Mother Eve, and Seth, who was their Birthright Son. On the other hand, the "Wicked Seed" would be born on Earth through Sammael and Lilith, and their son Cain. In fact, thousands of years later, this becomes the basis of Jesus' Parable of the "Wheat" and the "Tares". But we will leave this for a later discussion, after we have properly introduced Seth into the equation.

An account of the Satanic origin and birth of Cain, is found in *The Protevangelium of James*, and will serve well to illustrate the point of this

discussion. *The Protevangelium of James* is an early Christian writing which is attributed to James the brother of Jesus. However it is dated by scholars to the 2nd century A.D. It is cited here as an early Christian source in an effort to assist the reader to understand the text of John chapter 8:

> Now when she [i.e. Mary the mother of Jesus] was in her sixth month, behold, Joseph came from his buildings and entered his house and found her with child. And he struck his face, threw himself down on the ground on sackcloth and wept bitterly saying, 'With what countenance shall I look towards the Lord my God? What prayer shall I offer for this maiden? For I received her as a virgin out of the temple of the Lord my God and have not protected her. Who has deceived me? *Who has done this evil in my house* **AND DEFILED THE VIRGIN**? Has the story of Adam been repeated in me? For as Adam was absent in the hour of his prayer and **THE SERPENT CAME AND FOUND EVE ALONE** ***and deceived her,*** so also has it happened to me.' . . . . . (The Protevangelium of James 13:1, published in *The Apocryphal New Testament* <edited by J. K. Elliott, published in the US by Oxford University Press Inc., New York, 1993> p. 62)

There are in fact many, many other sources, which teach and allude to this same belief in early Jewish and Christian writings — but what is even more significant, is that the truthfulness of this belief is affirmed by Jesus himself, in the 8th chapter of John, where he accused certain wicked Jews of being "of their father the Devil" (John 8:38, 41, 42, 44, 47). Of course, the Jews whom Jesus accused were in denial, and in responding to his accusation, they alluded to the illicit union between Eve/Lilith and Sammael, and then denied that they were of that lineage:

> **WE BE NOT BORN OF FORNICATION; WE HAVE ONE FATHER, EVEN GOD**." (John 8:41)

In making this response, these Jews averred that they were not descended from the fornicatous relationship between Sammael and Eve/Lilith, but rather that they were the bona fide, legitimate descendants of Father Adam, whom they then and there declared to be both their "Father" and their "God". In other words, they were claiming to be the descendants of Adam through his birthright son Seth, rather than being the children of Cain.

Jesus responded by telling them:

> 42 . . . If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; . . . 44 **YE ARE OF YOUR FATHER THE DEVIL**, and the lusts of your father ye will do. ***He [i.e. Cain] was a murderer from the beginning,*** and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: **FOR HE IS A LIAR, AND SO ALSO IS HIS FATHER.** 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. . . . 47 He that is [a child] of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not [a child] of God. (John 8:42–47; For verse 44 as cited above, see John 8:44 in *The Anchor Bible* translation)

In making this response, Jesus tells them in words as clear and plain as language can express it, that if God were their father, they would hear God's

word. And then, in keeping with what he had said, Jesus told them that they were the children of Cain, whom in verse 44 Jesus Blatantly declared to be the Devil.

Of course the Jews did not take this sitting down, and in responding to his accusation, they threw the ball back into Jesus' court and accused him in like manner:

48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well [of thee,] that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? (John 8:48)

According to early Jewish and Christian thought, the Samaritans, together with Esau Edom or the Edomites and the Moabites, had mixed their blood with the Canaanites, who were understood to be the children of Cain. Through this means the Samaritans, Edomites and Moabites had become the literal descendants of the Devil, and hence their worship of Baal, whom they understood to be Satan. *(For information and history on this early Israelite belief, read Ezra and Nehemiah in the Old Testament)*. So then in accusing Jesus of being a Samaritan, they were in substance accusing him of being a descendant of Cain, just as Jesus had accused them. Again in saying that Jesus "hast a devil", they were saying that when Jesus was born, the spirit that then possessed his body and gave it life, was actually the spirit of a Demon, which is to say, one of those spirits that followed Satan in the great war in heaven in the preexistence.

In continuing in the above discussion, Jesus responded to the accusation which was made against him in the following language:

49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil [for a spirit]; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.

52 Then said the Jews unto him . . . **whom makest thou thyself?**

54 Jesus answered, If I honour myself, my honour is nothing: ***it is my Father that honoureth me***; **of Whom ye say, that He is your God**: (John 8:31–54)

In these closing words, Jesus declared in certain terms, that his Father and God was that very same being whom the wicked Jews had claimed to be their Father and God in verse 41 — namely Father Adam.[5]

he is cast away into Outer Darkness, where ultimately he will be joined to the family of Satan, and become the child of Hell. (Matt 25:14–30)

This doctrine of the Resurrection of the Sons of Perdition, fits in nicely with the Ancient Israelite and early Christian belief, that the Serpent had sex with Eve/Lilith and that in fact, the Serpent was the literal father of Cain in the flesh.

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[5]*At this point the latter-day Saints ought to remove their hats and take a bow to the Second Prophet of the Restoration (i.e. President Brigham Young).*

To be sure, the words of Jesus, as recorded above, constitute one of the most direct statements to be found in the Bible, wherein Adam is identified as the God and Father of Jesus Christ. Not only so, but it also becomes self evident, just how it is that

In adding all this up, in the 8th chapter of John we have a conclusive statement coming straight from the mouth of Jesus, wherein it is stated that Adam the God and Father of Jesus, is also the God and Father of all Mankind. Indeed this is precisely what Jesus states 12 chapters later in the same Gospel, at the time of his Resurrection:

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto **MY FATHER, AND YOUR FATHER; AND TO MY GOD, AND YOUR GOD**. (John 20:17)

In the above passage, Jesus affirms that his Father and God is also our Father and God. Once we come to understand that the Father and God of whom Jesus spoke is actually Father Adam, it then becomes self evident just how literally Jesus intended his words to be understood — for not only is God the father of the Physical body of Jesus, but he is also the father of the Physical bodies of all Mankind.

Again this same doctrine is taught by the Apostle Paul, in his epistle to the Ephesians:

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom [or after whom] the whole family [of Mankind, both] in heaven and [on] earth is named (Eph 3:14–15).

In this passage Paul states that the whole family of "Mankind" is named after the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. But how is this possible?

In the English we are declared to be "Man" or "Mankind", but in the Hebrew the word for "Man" or "Mankind" is "Adam". In fact, even today, this is precisely what is stated in Genesis:

This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; *Male and female created he them*; and blessed them, **AND CALLED THEIR NAME ADAM**, in the day when they were created. (Genesis 5:1–2)

In the above passage it states that in the beginning, the whole family of Man, both male and female, were given the name "Adam". Bearing this in mind, and remembering that Adam is the Father of Jesus, what Paul meant becomes self evident, for in the most literal sense, all mankind is named after Father Adam, who as Paul stated in the same passage, is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All this makes it perfectly clear just how it is that our Lord and Saviour could declare unto his disciples that "I ascend unto My Father, and Your Father; and to My God, and Your God", for Adam is the God and Father of us all. In fact this is the essence of Jesus' primal designation of himself as "The Son of Man", or as it is stated in the Hebrew, "The Son of Adam". Indeed, through the "Son of Man" sayings Jesus declared himself to be the Son of Adam some odd 85 times in the New Testament Gospels.

This title fell out of use among "orthodox" Christianity because they had rejected that fundamental concept of the Gospel which made it possible to understand — namely the Doctrine that God the Father is a Glorified Immortal Man, and that He possesses a Physical body as tangible as mans (D&C 130:22). However there were in fact other early Christians who were not orthodox that continued in the use of the "Son of Man" sayings, for the reason that it meant something to them, and among these were some of the Gnostics. On this count it is also significant that many of them taught that Jesus was a late incarnation of Primordial Seth. See for example "The Gospel of The

is God the Father and that Jesus was the Son of Adam. Not only this, but we also have a statement wherein it is affirmed that Cain was the Devil, that he was the son of the Serpent, and hence that Cain was not the son of Adam.

What all this means where it concerns Father Adam, is that rather than having a murderer in the person of Cain for His Firstborn Son — rather than this, in actuality Father Adam's Firstborn Son was "Righteous Abel" (Matt 23:35). In other words, Abel was the first to open the Matrix, and the first child to be born into the family of Father Adam and Mother Eve. Hence in the most literal sense of the word, Abel was **the Firstborn**! Not only so, but as the Sacrifice of Abel and Cain demonstrates, Abel was "the Beloved Son", and the Father's "Chosen Heir" from the beginning! In keeping with this, according to ancient Israelite law, inasmuch as Abel was the Firstborn, from the moment of His Birth, His Life and Being was Consecrated and Dedicated unto God, and hence the sacrifice of His life through His Murder by Cain.

In view of all this, it becomes significant that even Abel's name would claim for him the title of Divinity. The two elements of Abel's name are "Ab" which means "Father" and "El" which is the Personal name for "God the Father". Put together, Abel's name would mean, "My Father is El", or "El is My Father" — or as it would be translated today in modern English, "My Father is God", or "God is My Father".[6]

The Offering and Sacrifice of Abel and Cain

So what then is the substance of the Offering and Sacrifice of Abel and Cain? To begin with, Scholars have long since recognized that *the whole story* regarding the Sacrifice of Abel and Cain is not to be found in Genesis — in

Egyptians" which was found in Nag Hammadi Egypt (***The Nag Hammadi Library*** <Robinson 1990> 208–219).

All of this brings to mind what Jesus told his disciples regarding **who was the Father, and who was the Son**.

All things are delivered to me of my Father: ***and no man knoweth*** **who the Son is, but the Father**; and **who the Father is**, ***but the Son,*** *and he to whom the Son will reveal him.* (Luke 10:22)

According to this then, we can understand that Christ was with President Young in his revelation regarding the Adam-God Doctrine — and that just as it is stated above,

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and just as President Young said, the knowledge which he had acquired regarding Adam being our Father and Our God, came from God and not through his own natural ability (*JD* 16:46). As President Young declared the doctrine:

Now hear it, O inhabitants of the earth, Jew and Gentile, Saint and sinner! When our father Adam came into the garden of Eden, he came into it with a *celestial body,* and brought Eve, *one of his wives,* with him. He helped to make and organize this world. He is Michael, the Archangel, the Ancient of Days ! about whom holy men have written and spoken — He *is our* Father *and our* God, *and the only God with whom* we *have to do.* Every man upon the

other words, part of the story is missing. For example it has been wondered just why it was that Cain's offering was rejected. The reason for Cain's rejection is not to be found in the story. What follows is an account of the sacrifice as it is found in the Book of Moses:

> And Cain loved Satan [i.e. Sammael] more than God. And Satan commanded him, saying: Make an offering unto the Lord. And in process of time it came to pass that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel, and to his offering; But unto Cain, and to his offering, he had not respect. Now Satan knew this, and it pleased him. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. (Moses 5:18–21)

The supposition has been that if Cain had been right in his heart, that it would have been possible for both Abel and Cain to be accepted. But again this is a supposition, for the story as given in Genesis does not really tell us what the sacrifice of Abel and Cain was all about. However we have learned a few things. We have learned from the revelations of the Prophet Joseph Smith that Cain was "Perdition" even before this world was, and that he was the angel that was "cast down", because of his rejection of the Father's choice of His Firstborn Son. We have also learned that Cain was the son of the Serpent Sammael, and that he was the Devil and the son of the Devil. On top of this, we have learned that Abel was the Firstborn, and that in fact, he was the Son of God!

So what do you suppose the discussion was about when Abel and Cain presented themselves before the Father and made their offering. Let us appeal to another revelation which was given to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and see if we can discover for ourselves the answer to this question:

> And I, the Lord God, spake unto Moses, saying: That Satan, whom thou hast commanded in the name of mine Only Begotten, ***is the same*** **WHICH WAS FROM THE BEGINNING**, and ***he came before me, saying*** — Behold, **HERE AM I, SEND ME, I WILL BE THY SON**,[7] and I will redeem all mankind, that one soul shall not be lost, and surely I will do it; *wherefore give me thine honor.* But, behold, **MY BELOVED SON, WHICH WAS MY BELOVED AND CHOSEN FROM THE BEGINNING**, said unto me — **FATHER, THY WILL BE DONE**, *and the glory be thine forever*. Wherefore, because that Satan rebelled against me, and sought to destroy the agency of man, which I, the Lord God, had given him, and also, that I should give unto him mine own power; by the power of mine Only Begotten, I caused that he should be cast down [to Earth]; And he became Satan, yea, even the devil, the father of all lies (John 8:44 reveals that this individual is Cain), to deceive and to blind men, and to lead them captive at his will even as many as would not hearken unto my voice. (Moses 4:1–4)

In the above we see the real question which was laid before the Father, at the time Abel and Cain made their offering. Indeed, they were both vying

earth, professing Christians or non professing, must hear it, and will *know it sooner or later.* (***Journal of Discourses*** Vol 1:50–51, emphasis in original; ***The Teachings of President Brigham Young Vol 3***: <Collier 1987> 92–93; ***Unpublished Revelations*** *Vol 1,* 3rd enlarged edition, <Collier, 2011> parts 85, 91, 96; For a Complete treatment of President Young's Teachings

to be accepted as the Messiah and the Saviour of the World. However as history has proven, it was not possible for both Abel and Cain to be "chosen" and "accepted", for as the future would prove, this world was destined to have but one Saviour, and but one "Yahweh Jesus Christ" (Cor 8:6). Indeed Cain's bid to be the Saviour had been rejected on more than one occasion in the Preexistence. Yet this notwithstanding, we see from the above that Cain was Persistent — that he did not take No for an answer. Consequently at the beginning of the world, Cain was at it again, making another proposal to be accepted as the Messiah and Saviour of the world.[8]

The fact that the Father accepted the Sacrificial Lamb which was offered by Abel, proves that Abel was Sanctioned by the Father as the Foreordained Christ and Messiah. Indeed it is just as the Scripture states, Abel was the Father's "Beloved Son", and he was the "Chosen Heir ***from the Beginning***".

The scriptures inform us, that the Lamb in Abel's offering was actually a metaphor, symbolizing the Dedication and Consecration of his own being, and his willingness to be offered up and Sacrificed as the Saviour for the Sins of the World. This is in striking contrast to the offering of Cain, which the Father Rejected — for while it is true that Cain did offer his services, yet he did not in fact offer himself. The rejection of Cain's offering, demonstrates that in actuality Cain was that "Wicked One" whose former offering had already been rejected in the Preexistence. Indeed, rather than being chosen as the Messiah, Cain was that foreordained Devil, who was destined to be born on Earth, that he might provide the essential ingredient for a Mortal Probation — namely a Satanic opposition in all things (2 Nephi 2:11–27).
on this subject see: ***President Brigham Young's Doctrine on Deity*** Vol 1 <Collier 1999>)

With regard to the above statement, we do well to remember that Jesus did not stop at saying that "no man knoweth who the Father is", but he also said that "no man knoweth who the Son is". Let us continue on our path of discovery, and see if we can find the secret doctrine of the Christ, and just exactly who He Is and who he Was in the Beginning!

[6]In the Torah, the Hebrew text for the name "Abel" has been obscured.

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[7]In other words Satan was requesting to be the Son of the Father — but as of that time he was not. This is in contrast to the "Beloved Son", who then and there addressed Him as "Father".

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[8]Cain's absolute fixation and preoccupation with being the Messiah is set forth in certain terms when he appeared to Moses on the Mount:

And it came to pass that when Moses had said these words, behold, Satan came tempting him, saying: Moses, son of man, *worship me*. And it came to pass that Moses looked upon Satan and said: Who art thou? For behold, I am a son of God, in the similitude of his Only Begotten; and where is thy glory, that I should worship thee? . . . . . Get thee hence, Satan; deceive me not; for God said unto me: Thou art after the similitude of mine Only

In coming to terms with all this, we must realize that Abel was the foreordained "Messiah", and that he was chosen to be the "Christ", just as Cain was chosen and Foreordained to be the Devil. In other words, Cain and Abel's birth on Earth was not left to chance.

There are in fact numerous statements which Jesus made about himself that would lead us to believe that he was Abel. Genesis informs us that "righteous Abel" was "a keeper of sheep", while the New Testament tells us that Jesus was the "Good Shepherd" (John 10:11; Gen 4:2). Again, Abel offered up the sacrifice of a "Lamb" as a metaphor that he was willing to dedicate his life as a sacrifice for the children of the Father. Abel's offering was accepted, while at the same time, Cain's was rejected. Shortly afterwards, Abel was murdered by the Devil, just as he would again be, thousands of years later. In keeping with this, the Revelation of John states that Jesus was the "Lamb who was Slain at the Foundation of the World" (Rev 13:8). Abel was this Lamb! This is true, because as we have seen, in the "Morn of Creation" Jesus the Christ was incarnate on Earth as the Firstborn Son of the Father in the person of Abel.

Again, in the revelation of John, Jesus is dubbed "the Bright Morning Star" (Rev 22:16), a name which does not really fit, unless Jesus was actually born on Earth in the Morn of Creation. This is in contrast to Cain, who was dubbed "the Morning Star" or the "Son of the Morning" (Isa 14:12) with the difference being that Cain's star did not shine so "brightly". These titles are significant because they correlate with the fact that Abel and Cain were both born on Earth in the Morn of Creation.

This same symbology is also found in the question which God put to Job, when He asked him:

> Where wast thou when . . . . . the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? (Job 38:4, 7)

In substance then, we have in the person of Abel, both "God" and "the Son of God", who was born on Earth in the Morn of Creation as the Firstborn Son of the Divine Father, just as the New Testament declares. Again, in the person of Cain, we have the "Devil", and "the Son of the Devil", who was also born on Earth in the Morn of Creation.

In keeping with this, according to the Ancient Religion of Israel, these two beings were each to establish a special race on Earth. In the case of Abel, ultimately, he would give birth to the Elect Seed of the Father — and in the case of Cain, he would give birth to that special race that would become "the Elect Seed of Sammael". In other words, Cain would give birth to a race of "Demons" who would be incarnate on Earth, and the spirits that would inhabit the bodies of his Elect Seed would be that "One Third of the Host of Heaven", who had rebelled against the "Chosen Heir of the Father" — these are they who made "War in Heaven". Indeed, these are they who were Evil

Spirits, who had gone in league with Sammael and Cain at the time of the great Rebellion. Of course they Lost, and after this they were cast down to Earth (Rev 12:4; Moses 4:3; D&C 76:25) where they would be made use of as Devils and Demons to try the souls of men.

Again, to be sure these demons were denied bodies from the Father — but this was no account to them, for from the very beginning, they had already chosen Sammael for their father. They would therefore obtain bodies nonetheless, through Sammael and Lilith, and through their half-breed illegitimate son, who would ultimately become incarnate on Earth in the person of Cain.

After being rejected of the Father, Cain was angry, nevertheless he remained undaunted and firm in the belief that he might still have things his way. Indeed, being a true Capitalist, he thought that he might still win out, if only he could eliminate the competition. And so he murdered Abel, which won for him the title of the Anti-Christ.

At this point it is important that we realize that the Divine Father and Sammael both stood to gain in all this. The Grand Prize was the Souls of men. And the understanding was "that all those who enlist to serve Me and My Beloved", and that do so with "All their Heart, Might, Mind, Strength, and Soul", and who "Endure to the End" — "they shall be Mine at that great and last day of Judgment, when I shall make up My Jewels."

As for those who through free agency chose to follow Sammael — "They shall be thine, and ye shall have their souls forever!"

Once the Principles of the Game Plan were established — Ready! Set! Go! — Adam and Eve went down on Earth and ate the Fruit, and after that All Hell Broke Loose — for everything that God had Created and Pronounced "Good", Sammael and Cain converted into Evil. Indeed, as Sammael frankly declared his intentions, and the Principles by which his Kingdom would be governed:

> I will take the Gold and Silver of this world, and with money I shall buy up Armies and Navies, Priests and Popes, Kings and Presidents — and with all this in my hand, I shall rule with Blood and Horror throughout the Earth. [And in the end, All those that serve me, and all those that do my bidding, They Shall Be Mine on that Great and Final Day of their Judgment!]" (Endowment Ceremony)

The beginnings of the Elect Seed of Cain, together with their Works of Darkness, are described in the Book of Mormon and the Book of Moses (Moses 5:18–31, 41–55, 6:15), all of which lays bare the Curse of God that was put upon Sammael and his seed, as is recorded in the above passage of Genesis.

No doubt when Cain murdered Abel, he thought he had solved the problem of competition — but on this count he had under estimated the Power of Almighty God and our Divine Mother — for they had the Power

of Life within themselves — therefore they did raise their Beloved Son from the dead. Indeed, according to what is written in the Bible, the Father's Chosen Heir was Born Again on the Earth, unto ***a Newness of Life,*** in the person of His Beloved Son **Seth**, who aside from Abel, is the second and only other son of Adam who is mentioned by name in the Bible. According to what is written in Genesis, Seth was born on Earth as a replacement, to take the place of Abel whom Cain Slew:

> And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: **For God**, said she, **hath appointed me Another Seed Instead of Abel**, whom Cain slew. (Gen 4:25)

From Eve's statement as given above, we may gather that notwithstanding the special place which Abel occupied in the family of the Father, that according to Eve, "God" Himself had "appointed another seed" to take his place. But who, besides the Foreordained Messiah, could fill the shoes of the "Lord of Glory"! Indeed, could an act of Murder by the Anti-Christ cancel the Father's plans for his Beloved Son and Chosen Heir! To this we must resound with the answer of an unequivocal No! There can be no replacement or alternate for the Foreordained Christ. Inasmuch as it had been a Hundred and Thirty years since the Fall, and probably close to a Hundred and Thirty years since the birth of Abel, it is likely that Adam and Eve had other children before the birth of Seth. In view of the First Great Commandment, to "Multiply and Replenish the Earth" (Gen 1:28) it is unlikely that Adam and Eve would have remained childless for more than a Hundred years after Abel's birth. Again, in view of the likelihood that Adam and Eve did have other children after the birth of Abel, it is significant that Eve would wait for a Hundred and some odd years, until the birth of Seth, before she would be led of God to exclaim that, "God hath appointed me another seed in the Stead of Abel." On this count it is significant that ancient mythologies dating back to the time of Cain, state that mother Eve departed for the world of spirits in order to retrieve her murdered son Abel, and to bring him back to life (*Sargon the Magnificent* <Sydney Bristowe 1927> 90–91).

In the 5th chapter of Genesis it states that Adam had other sons and daughters, and yet Abel and Seth are the only children of Adam and Eve whose names are recorded in the Bible. In view of this silence, it is almost as if Abel and Seth were "The Only Begotten of the Father". Yet as we have seen, according to other information, Adam had 70 sons besides Abel and Seth, and also many daughters. Not only so but the New Testament would argue hard for the idea that these other sons were already born at the time of Seth's birth — for according to the Book of Hebrews, at the birth of Seth, the Divine Father held the new born babe in his arms and lifted him up before for the Divine Council of his Sons and Daughters and informed them that the babe in his arms was

Christ the Messiah, "bow ye down and worship him". Once again, this is the essence of what is stated in the 6th verse of the 1st chapter of Hebrews:

> And again, when . . . [the Father] bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the sons of God worship him. (Heb 1:1)

When Christ was born as Abel he was the Firstborn that opened the matrix — as of the time when he was born as Seth he was the last born. Hence the Christ was the "First and the Last" and the "Alpha and Omega" of the Fathers family. When Seth was born the 70 had already been born. They were present in the Divine Council when the Father lifted the babe up in his arms and held him up before the Council of his sons, and commanded them to worship their Messiah. This being the case, obviously there was a reason why Eve waited a hundred years, before she was led of God to exclaim that "God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel".

Show us the Father

In the New Testament it is recorded that on one occasion Jesus was asked by one of his disciples: "show us the Father". Jesus responded by saying that, "he that hath seen me hath seen the Father". (John 14:8–9) In LDS culture, this passage is traditionally understood as a statement that Jesus was, as it were, a Perfect Look Alike of his Father. This position is supported by the Book of Hebrews, where it explains that the "Son" is "the brightness of [the Father's] glory and the express image of His person" (Heb 1:3). In substance then, according to this passage, Jesus is the **Perfect Look Alike Double of his Father**. Consider the following:

> God the Father, who at sundry times and in diverse manners *spake in time past **unto the fathers by the prophets,*** hath in these last days *spoken unto us* **by His Son**, whom he hath appointed Heir of All Things . . . who being **the brightness of his [Father's] glory**, and the **Express Image of his [Father's] Person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; (Heb 1:1–3)

In order to get the whole significance of this passage, we need to realize what the author of Hebrews is doing, and just how he is going about it. He is trying to persuade certain Israelites that Jesus is Christ the Messiah. In undertaking his task, he skillfully uses the Old Testament as his proof text. Verse after verse he goes on, quoting one passage after another from the Old Testament, in making his argument that Jesus is the Christ.

It is this point that brings us to the next question: "So what passage of Scripture from the Old Testament is the author of Hebrews quoting in verse 3, when he states that Jesus, "is the ***brightness of his [Father's] glory,*** and **the Express Image of His Person**". The answer to this question is that he is

quoting Genesis chapter 5 verse 3, from the Septuagint, which as it turns out is another incredible passage that relates to the subject at hand. Indeed, not only does this passage identify Jesus as Seth, but it also identifies the Father of Jesus as Adam. In the 5th chapter of Genesis the record of the birth of Seth is given, along with a most significant description of the "likeness" which Seth bore to his Father Adam. In view of the importance which the New Testament places upon the similarity between Jesus and his Father, this passage is of special significance:

> And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, ***and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:*** (Gen 5:1–3)

According to Ancient Hebrew/Christian thought, the similarity of the "image" and "likeness" which Seth bore to his Father Adam was "Perfect" — it was as though Seth were a Perfect Look Alike Double of his Father, with the difference that Seth was younger and his Father was Older. This same idea is enhanced even further through a Revelation that was given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in 1835:

> The order of this Priesthood . . . . came down by lineage . . . **From Adam to Seth**, *who . . . received* **the promise of God by his Father**, *that his posterity should be* **The Chosen** *of the Lord, and that they should be preserved unto the end of the earth;* Because he (Seth) **Was a Perfect Man**, and his ***Likeness was the Express Likeness of his Father***, insomuch that he seemed to be **Like Unto His Father In All Things**, and ***could be distinguished from him*** **Only By His Age**. (D&C 107:40–43)

In view of what we have learned, it is obvious from the above Revelation, that the Lord had Opened the Prophet's mind — and that in this passage, Seth the Birthright Son of Adam, is being equated with Jesus the Christ. Indeed as we have seen, the description of the relationship between Adam and Seth is precisely what the New Testament states to be the case in the Relationship between Jesus and his Father.

On top of this, it is most significant that the Prophet's revelation states that Seth was "a Perfect Man". To be sure, there are not many who are referred to in Scripture as being "Perfect", but we see from the above, that Seth, the Birthright Son of Adam is one of them! Not only so, but according to the same passage, Adam was also "a Perfect Man", for not only does the passage state that "Seth was a Perfect Man", but it also states that Seth was "Like Unto His Father in All things". Indeed, to rehearse the matter once more:

> Seth **Was a Perfect Man**, and his ***Likeness was the Express Likeness of his Father***, insomuch that he seemed to be **Like Unto His Father In All Things**, and ***could be distinguished from him*** **Only By His Age**. (D&C 107:43)

I have demonstrated elsewhere that the Prophet Joseph Smith was the first to teach the Adam-God Doctrine in this Dispensation, and that as of March

1835, which was the time when the Prophet received the above revelation — that as of this time he had known for years, that Adam was the Ancient of Days — and that in fact the Ancient of Days was God the Father, just as President Young declared it 17 years later. *(The Trinity and the Holy Spirits — the Doctrine as Joseph Taught it <Collier 3rd ed. Feb. 2000> published in* ***Doctrine of the Priesthood*** *Vol 5: <1 April 1988> No. 4)*

Indeed, not only did the Prophet know that Adam was God the Father as of 1835, but the above Revelation proves that he also knew that Seth was Jesus the Christ. It is significant that in the Prophet's Revelation and Commentary on Seth — not only does it cite from Genesis 5, but it also pulls words from Hebrews chapter 1 (compare Gen 5:3 to Heb 1:3), where Genesis 5 is again recited in New Testament language, and where Jesus himself is then and there identified as Seth. Indeed it is significant that the Prophet would chose to borrow the words "Express Image" from Hebrews chapter 1 and then to insert them into his commentary on Genesis chapter 5, where he speaks of Seth being in the "Express Likeness" of Adam his Father.

Obviously in the Prophet's mind, he has already equated Genesis 5 and Hebrews 1 as two different passages of Scripture which were talking about the same subject, namely the exact likeness which exists between the Father and the Son, and the Perfect Relationship which the Father and Son Sustain to one another — and this too, not only in looks, but in other things as well. Indeed, according to the above passage, not just in some things, but "In All Things", for "Seth was a Perfect Man, and his Likeness was the Express Likeness of his Father, insomuch that ***he seemed to be like unto His Father*** **in All Things**".

Once again, in reviewing what we have learned, all this brings us back to the Prophets' 6 May 1833 Revelation wherein it states:

> And now, verily I say unto you, **I was in the beginning with the Father, and am the Firstborn**; And ***all those who are begotten through me*** are *partakers of the glory of the same,* and are the **Church of the Firstborn**. (D&C 93:21–22)

Again the above passage speaks of that time at the beginning of the world when the Lord Jesus Christ was born on Earth as the FirstBorn son of Father Adam and Mother Eve. Not only so but it also speaks of that time when as Seth incarnate, Jesus became the Primordial father and Patriarch of the Elect Seed.

In keeping with this, once we understand that Seth is Yahweh, there are other Doctrinal Concepts that come into Focus — among which is the understanding that the "Beloved Son" sat at the right hand of God the Father for 800 years at the beginning of the world. It was during this time, when in the most literal sense, Jesus the Christ became as it were "the Right Arm of Almighty God", just as he is declared to be in many different passages, in both the New (Heb 1:3) and Old Testament.

Again all this brings us back to the some odd 85 "Son of Man" sayings in the New Testament Gospels, which when read from the Hebrew state that Jesus is "The Son of Adam". These sayings can only be understood when it is realized that Jesus was the Incarnation of Primordial Seth, and that the same Divine Father begat Christ in the Meredian of time.

President Young Taught that Jesus Lived on Earth in the Flesh Before He was Born of the Virgin Mary

We have already seen that both the New Testament and the Revelations of Joseph Smith state that Jesus was "in the beginning with the Father"and that he was the "Firstborn" (Heb 1:6; D&C 93:23). Once again, this together with other evidence brings us to the conclusion, that Jesus was a late incarnation of Primordial Seth. Not only so but it also raises the question as to what President Young understood regarding this matter. Indeed, on one occasion when President Young spoke of Adam being God the Father, he also mentioned the fact that it was a mystery to many that Jesus was the Son of God and still the Son of Man. Consider the following:

> Is it a mystery to the Christian world that Jesus is the Son of God, and still the son of man? Yes it is, it is hidden from them, and this fulfils the Scripture — If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost, who have no faith, and who pay no attention to the Spirit of God. These things are called mysteries by the people because they know nothing about them . . . . . (Excerpt from a Discourse given by President Brigham Young delivered in the New Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday afternoon, June 8th, 1873, *President Brigham Young's Doctrine on Deity, Vol 1* <SLC, Ut. — 1999> 319)

On this count it is significant that when President Young first revealed the Doctrine of Adam-God to the world, he emphatically declared that there was more to the doctrine, "but that if he were to tell the whole truth, Blasphmey would be nothing to it in the estimation of the superstitious and overrighteous of mankind. Indeed, on one occasion he told Orson Pratt that Jesus had lived on earth before he was born of the Virgin Mary, but as history would prove, this was more than Apostle Pratt could believe.

but on one occasion he even said that **Jesus had a body of flesh and bones before he was born on earth as a child of the virgin Mary.** President Young stated this in the hearing of Apostle Orson Pratt. However Pratt did not believe in President Young's teachings, that Adam was God the Father — nor could he believe that Jesus had lived on earth in the flesh before he was born of the Virgin Mary. Consider the following statement which Pratt

made before the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles:

> O. Pratt: If you bring Adam [on earth] as a Spirit, and put him into the tabernacle, [then it all] runs easy with me; another item, ***I heard brother Young say*** **that Jesus had a Body [of] Flesh and Bones Before he came [in the Meridian of Time and Before] he was born of the Virgin Mary**, it was so contrary to every revelation [ever] given. (Minutes of Meeting with the Quorum of the Twelve and Orson Pratt, April 5th, 1860)

As we have and shall yet see, in matters of doctrine, the great difference between Orson Pratt and President Brigham Young, was that President Young was a Prophet of God who had his mind opened to the influence of the Spirit, while to a large degree, the mind of Orson Pratt was bound down by **False Tradition** and the **Uninspired Philosophies of Men**!

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But before presenting the evidence with regard to this, first let us review what President Young had to say with regard to Adam being "God the Father" and Jesus being "the Son of Adam".

The reason for this review is obvious — because the idea that Jesus was a late incarnation of Primordial Seth, is inseparably connected to what President Young taught with regard to Adam being God the Father. Hence the evidence of the Adam-God Doctrine contributes to the evidence that Jesus was Primordial Seth. After reviewing this material, we will return to the present subject, and demonstrate that in fact, President Young did teach that Jesus had lived on Earth in mortal flesh "before he was born of the Virgin Mary".

President Young's first public speech on the Adam-God Doctrine was delivered during the General Priesthood Conference of the Church, which was held on the evening of the 9th of April 1852. To say the least, President Young's decision to reveal the doctrine of Adam-God at the General Priesthood Conference is significant, for as he then declared, it was the appropriate time and place to instruct the brethren of the Priesthood in *matters of* Doctrine and New Revelation (*TPBY* Vol 3:90).

Again it is significant that the issue at hand, which prompted President Young to go public with the Adam-God Doctrine, was a Doctrinal Controversey which arose between Apostle Orson Pratt and some of the "best Elders" in the Church. This "Doctrinal Controversey", had to do with the question as to who it was that got the Virgin Mary Pregnant — whether it was God the Father or the Holy Ghost (*TPBY* Vol 3:91–92). Apostle Orson

Pratt took the position that it was the Holy Ghost. The proof text which he used to support his belief is found in the first chapter of Matthew:

¶ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, *she was found with child* ***of the Holy Ghost.*** Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: *for that which is conceived in her* ***is of the Holy Ghost.*** (Matt 1:18–20)

In making his argument, Pratt completely by-passed the many passages of Scripture which directly affirm that Jesus was the Son of God, and trumped the whole argument with the above passage.

Needless to say, it was not long before President Young heard of this controversey — and in an effort to maintain correct doctrine in the Church, and to bring the errant apostle into line, President Young entered the arena and cut to the chase, by citing from Matthew, chapter 3, verse 17:

¶ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. . . . And *Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water:* and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and ***he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove,*** and lighting upon him: And lo A Voice from Heaven, saying, **This is my Beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased. (Matt 3:14–17; see also 17:5; Mark 1:9–11; 9:7; Luke 3:22; 9:35; 2 Peter 1:17; D&C 93:14–17)

In the above passage, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost are all portrayed to be present in different places at the same time — the Father was in Heaven, the Son was in the river being baptized, and the Holy Ghost alighted upon Jusus in the form of a Dove. In keeping with what President Young said, according to context, it was God the Father who spoke from the Heaveans and declared that **Jesus was His Beloved Son**. Now if Jesus was actually the son of the Holy Ghost, and not the Son of God, the above affirmation must be taken as false. Consequently, in view of the above statement, for those who take the words of God to mean what they say, and say what they mean, the idea that the Holy Ghost was the father of Christ is Proposterous. In fact, as witnessed above, the whole contention of Orson Pratt is flatly contradicted by God Himself, to say nothing of the many statements which were made by Jesus in the Gospels and elsewhere in scripture. In substance then, Pratt's argument reduces the whole testimony of the New and Old Testament to Absolute Zero — for if in fact Jesus was not the Son of God, what is the Atonement, and what is Christianity.

In clinching his argument, President Young went on to introduce another argument when he explained that the Father has a Physical Body — but that the Holy Ghost did not have a Physical Body. This one fact alone argues conclusively for the idea that the Holy Ghost could not have gotten Marry

Pregnant. Indeed, before a man can become a father he must first produce spirm — but before he can produce spirm, he must first be in possession of a physical body. This Biological Function is fundamental to the order of God's creation of both men and women — and there is no reason to suppose that the Unchangable God would Negate or By-Pass His own System or Order of things! Obviously then, inasmuch as the Holy Ghost did not possess a Physical Body of Flesh and Bone, he could not possibily have fathered Jesus in the flesh.***

***Indeed, why would God the Father deny His Own Beloved Son and Firstborn Heir the Honour and Dignity of being the Son of His Own Body. The only reason for believing such a thing is found in Christian Orthodoxy and the belief that God the Father does not possess a Physical Body.

In saying this, it is not meant to suggest that Jesus was not "of the Holy Ghost" as it is stated in the first chapter of Matthew. However as we shall see, acknowledging that Jesus was "of the Holy Ghost" does not necessarily go to prove that he was "Begotten by the Holy Ghost". Indeed, a man might speak under the influence of the Holy Ghost, and what he says might be "of the Holy Ghost", but this would not go to prove that he was "Begotten by the Holy Ghost".

It is apparent, that for one reason or another, the account of Jesus' birth as given in Matthew is not complete, as it lacks certain fundamental information regarding the role which the Father played in the conception of Mary and in the Birth of His Beloved Son. That this is so is demonstrated in unmistakable terms, through the account of Mary's conception and the Birth of Jesus, as it is given in the Gospel of Luke. In fact the account of the Birth of Jesus as given in Luke serves well to lay this controversey to rest — and that too in the favor of President Young, rather than Orson Pratt. Indeed, it is not at all unlikely that the following passage is precisely what President Young referred to when he spoke of the Father coming forth like a man" (RRR) and etc. Consider the following:

> And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel [i.e. Noah] was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin expoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art highly favoured,* THE LORD IS WITH THEE: ***blessed art thou among women***. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for **THOU HAST FOUND FAVOUR WITH GOD [THE FATHER]**. And, behold, ***thou shalt comceive in thy womb,*** and ***bring forth a son,*** and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, *and shall be called* **THE SON OF THE HIGHEST** [i.e. **THE SON OF EL ELYON OR THE SON OF GOD THE FATHER**]: and the Lord God

shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, *How shall this be,* **SEEING I KNOW NOT A MAN**? And the angel answered and said unto her, ***The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee,*** and **THE POWER OF THE HIGHEST SHALL OVERSHADOW THEE**: therefore also *that holy thing which shall be born of thee* **SHALL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD**. . . . And Mary said, Behold [I am] the handmaid of the LORD; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:26–35)

It will be noticed that in the above account, not only does it state that ***"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee",*** **but it also states that "THE POWER OF THE HIGHEST SHALL OVERSHADOW THEE",** and then in continuing it explains that because: *"***THE HIGHEST SHALL OVERSHADOWED THEE**', that *"holy thing which shall be born of thee* **SHALL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD".** It is this part about "**GOD THE FATHER OVERSHADOWING MARY**" that gives the whole story away. Not only so, but for some reason, it is this same part which is missing in the 1st chapter of Matthew as it is presently rendered in the New Testament. No doubt the passage in Matthew was fixed by certain "overrighteous" "christians" who did not see any reason why God the Father needed to "overshadow" the Virgin Mary. Indeed, "christian" orthodoxy maintains the belief that God the Father does not possess a physical body, and therefore He could not really "Overshadow" Mary, much less "come forth like a man" and make her Pregnant, for according to their understanding God the Father is above such things.

What we have in the above passage is a very delicately phrased statement about a normal act of Sex and Conception. Indeed, at the time when a woman becomes pregnant, it is normal for her husband to lay down on top of her, whereby he "overshadows her", and it is at this time that the seman is imparted by which she conceives and becomes pregnant. The big difference here is that in this case, the Sexual Act took place between an Immortal Glorified Being in the Person of God the Father and a Mortal Woman in the person of the Virgin Mary, who as of the time that the Angel Gabriel appeared to her, 'had not yet known man'. However, this does not go to say that Mary remained a virgin after the day of her Conception.

Indeed, according to what is written in the above account in Luke, after the Proposal of the Divine Father was delivered to Mary via the Angel Gabriel, Mary agreed to surrender her Privacy and give up her Virginity to God the Father. This she did when she responded to the Father's Proposal by saying: "Behold [I am] the handmaid of the LORD; be it unto me according to thy word." In these words Mary acknowledged that she already belonged to the Father, and that He had her consent to do with her as He pleased. Again, according to the above account as given in Luke, it was after this that the Father "overshadowed" the Virgin Mary and made love with her, at which time she "conceived".

To review the whole matter again, when the Angel Gabriel first appeared the the Virgin Mary he saluted her with the saying that she was "*highly favoured"* and that 'the Lord was with her' and "***blessed art thou among women***." When Mary first heard this, she did not understand, consequently the angel further explained to her that "**thou hast found favour with God** [**the Father**]. And, behold, ***thou shalt comceive in thy womb,*** and ***bring forth a son,*** and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, *and shall be called* **the Son of the Highest** [i.e. **the Son of El Elyon or the Son of God the Father**]" Yet notwithstanding the angel's affirmation, Mary still failed to fully understand, for she was a virgin and had never had sex. For this reason she could not understand how it would be possible for her to become pregnant, consequently she responded to the angel's affirmation with the following question:

"*How shall this be,* **seeing I know not a man**?"

When this question was directly put to the Angel, he responded by saying:

The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and **the Power of the Highest Shall Overshadow Thee**: therefore also *that holy thing which shall be born of thee* **Shall Be Called the Son of God**.

With these words the Angel Gabriel fully responded to Mary's question, and explained to her just how it was that she would be made to "conveive" and become "pregnant". The Divine Father would overshadow her and have sex with her, and for this reason, the "holy child" which would be born of her would be called "The Son of God." After the angel had fully explained himself, the Virgin Mary accepted the Proposal of God the Father with the words:

"Behold [I am] the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word", and hence the birth of Jesus the Christ.

President Young did not that we know of, ever use the above passage to argue his point against Orson Pratt — but in view of his many statements, the fact that he thought in such terms cannot be disputed. Indeed, consider the following collection of his statements:

THE IMACULATE CONCEPTION
OR
THE SON OF GOD

One thing has remained a mystery in this Kingdom up to this day. It is in regard to the character of the well beloved Son of God, upon which subject the Elders of Israel have conflicting views..... I have heard men preach upon the divinity of

Christ, and exhaust all the wisdom they possessed. All Scripturalists, and approved theologians who were considered exemplary for piety and education, have undertaken to expound on this subject, in every age of the Christian era; and after they have done all, they are obliged to conclude by exclaiming "great is the mystery of godliness," and tell nothing. . . . . Again, they will try to tell how the divinity of Jesus is joined to his humanity,[10] and give an account of his origin, and were it not ridiculous, I would tell what I have thought about their views.

Brother Kimball wants me to tell it, therefore you will excuse me if I do. I have frequently thought of mules, which you know are half horse and half ass, when reflecting upon the representations made by those divines. I have heard sectarian priests undertake to tell the character of the Son of God, and they make him half of one species and half of another, and I could not avoid thinking at once of the mule, which is the most hateful creature that ever was made, I believe. You will excuse me, but I have thus thought many a time.[47]

Is it a mystery to the Christian world that Jesus is the Son of God, and still the Son of Man? Yes it is, it is hidden from them, and this fulfils the Scripture — "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost,"[a] who have no faith, and who pay no attention to the Spirit of God. These things are called mysteries by the people because they know nothing about them.[165]

The question has been, and is often, asked, "Who it was that begat the Son of the Virgin Mary." The infidel world have concluded that if what the Apostles wrote about his father and mother be true, and the present marriage discipline acknowledged by Christendom be correct, then Christians must believe that God is the Father of an illegitimate son, in the person of Jesus Christ! The infidel fraternity teach that to their disciples.[10]

The man Joseph, the husband of Mary, did not, that we [have] know[ledge] of, have more than one wife, but Mary the wife of Joseph had another husband. On this account infidels have called the Saviour a bastard. This is merely a human opinion upon one of the inscrutable doings of the Almighty. That very babe that was cradled in the manger, was begotten, not by Joseph, the husband of Mary, but by another Being. Do you inquire by whom? He was begotten by God our Heavenly Father.[b, 121]

What is the mystery in Jesus being the Son of God and at the same time the son of the Virgin Mary?[165] All the difference between Jesus Christ and any other man that ever lived on the earth, from the days of Adam until now, is simply this. . . . When the time came that . . . the Saviour should come into the world and take a tabernacle, the Father came Himself and favored that spirit with a tabernacle instead of letting

any other man do it. The Saviour was begotten by the Father of his spirit, by the same Being who is the Father of our spirits, and that is all the organic difference between Jesus Christ and you and me.[47]

We have been hearing that Jesus Christ is our elder brother. Yes, he is one of us — flesh of our flesh — bone of our bone[c] — and [he] became a partaker with us of all that is earthly.[d] He also inherited a greater portion of the divine nature than we can possess in this life. He was the son of our Heavenly Father, [just] as we are the sons of our earthly fathers.[e, 102] We are blessed with the Words and Way of Life, through the Gospel, by one who has designed to call us brethren — not by adoption, in the strict sense of the word, but is flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone.[f, 65] The birth of the Saviour was as natural as are the births of our children; it was the result of natural action. He . . . was begotten of his Father, as we were of our fathers.[78] When . . . [Jesus] took a tabernacle, it was begotten by his Father in Heaven, after the same manner as the tabernacles of Cain, Abel, and the rest of the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve.[10]

[a]2 Cor. 4:3 [b]Luke 1:35; 8:28; John 10:33–36; 9:35 [c]Eph. 5:30

Brother Kimball told us this morning, Jesus was begotten of the Father, born of the Virgin Mary, and he possessed a body like you and I. A great many have talked about it. Divines have exhausted all the powers of their minds upon it in the days of the reformation. You can read their writings, and no doubt you have read them, and what do they know about it? Nothing at all. Ask the divinity of this age how Jesus came upon the earth, and can they tell? No. They tell you a thousand things, and they are all wrong.

Jesus Christ came here because his Father came here and he was begotten of the Father, and he was born of the virgin Mary as my mother bore me and as my father begot me and as you begot your children. What, is it possible that the Father of Heights,[g] the Father of our Spirits,[h] could reduce Himself and come forth like a man? Yes, He was once a man like you and I are and was once on an earth like this, passed through the ordeal you and I pass through. He had His Father[i] and His Mother and He has been Exalted through His faithfulness, and He is become Lord of all. He is the God pertaining to this Earth. He is our Father.[88]

The Being whom we call Father was the Father of the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ,[j] and He was also his Father pertaining to the flesh.[k] Infidels and Christians, make all you can of this statement. The Bible, which all Christians profess to believe, reveals that fact, and it reveals the truth upon that point, and I am a witness of its truth.

[d]Phil. 2:5–8 [e]Luke 1:32, 35; Mark 5:7 [f]Eph. 5:30 [g]James 1:17; Deut. 32:5–6 [h]Heb. 12:9 [i]Rev. 1:6; *TPJS* 169–170 [j]*see* note *e* p. 35 [k]Matt. 23:9; John 20:17; Heb. 12:9; Rom. 8:29; Luke 1:26–35; John 10:33–36

The Apostles who were personally acquainted with Jesus Christ did know and understand what they wrote, and they wrote the truth.[67]

If Jesus should veil His Glory and appear before you as a man, and witness of himself as being the image of his Father, would you believe that . . . he told you the truth? And . . . would you not wonder exceedingly to hear that our Father and God is an organized being after the fashion of man's organization in every respect? . . . One of the prophets describes the Father of us all, saying, "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool; His throne was like the fiery flame," etc. The prophet further says, "Thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him," etc. Again, "and, behold, one like the Son of Man came with the Clouds of Heaven and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before Him."[l] Now, who is this Ancient of Days? You may answer this question at your pleasure, I have already told the people. But the Saviour would answer the question as to the appearance of the Father of us all, by saying, "Look at me, for I am the very express image of my Father."[m] . . . . . God is our Father,[n] Jesus Christ is our Elder Brother,[o] and we are all brethren, and of one family.[p, 116]

THE FATHER OF THE SON

I will notice another idea touching the Holy Ghost begetting the Son of God. . . . . I silenced this erroneous doctrine a year ago last fall conference.[a] It was, I think, when a dispute arose among some of our best Elders, as to who was the Father of the Son of Man pertaining to the flesh.[b] Some contended it was the Holy Ghost, and some that it was Eloheim. When I spoke upon it in this stand before a conference of Elders, I cautioned them when they laid their hands upon the people for the gift of the Holy Ghost, according to the instructions of the Saviour, to be very careful how they laid hands upon young women, for if it begat a child in the days of the Virgin Mary, it is just as liable to beget children in these days. It has all the power in this day that it had then, it has lost none. . . . . .

Who was it that spoke from the Heavens and said, "This is My beloved Son, hear ye him?"[c] Was it God the Father? It was. The Apostles bear testimony that such a voice was actually heard [saying], "This is My beloved Son," and if it is true [that] the Holy Begotten. [This makes you wonder if Satan did not look like Adam's children.] . . . . 19 And now, when Moses had said these words, **Satan cried with a loud voice**, and ***ranted upon the earth,*** and commanded, saying: **I am the Only Begotten**, *worship me.* And it came to pass that Moses began to fear exceedingly; and as he began to fear, he saw the bitterness of hell. Nevertheless, calling upon God, he received strength, and he commanded, saying: Depart from me, Satan, for this one God only will I worship, which is the God of glory. And now **Satan began to tremble, and the earth shook**; and Moses received strength, and called upon God, saying: In the name of the Only Begotten, depart hence, Satan. 22

Ghost begat him, I would add, "which was begotten by one of My neighbors, hear ye him." Who was the Saviour begotten by? Oh, by his Father or his brother, or some other person. So the Holy Ghost begetting the Saviour looks [like] to me. It makes me think of a story I heard in a dramatical performance once, that a certain individual was born of one of his aunts, but he had no mother. It appears as reasonable to me to say a cousin or a fellow laborer of the Saviour begat him, as to say the Holy Ghost begat him. Who did beget him?

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[b]Matt. 22:2–14 [c]John 17:12 [d]1 Col. 1:18; 2 Nephi 2:8–9; 1 Cor. 15:20, 23; Acts 26:23; Rev. 1:5; *TPJS* 346; John 5:19–21, 26; John 10:17–18; 1 John 3:1, 8, 16, 23; 1 Cor. 15, 34–37, 42–47 [a]*JD* 1:50–51 [b]Mark 2:27–28 [c]Matt. 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22; JSH 1:17

His Father, and his Father is our God,[d] and the Father of our spirits,[e] and He is the framer of the body.[f] The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ — who is He? He is Father Adam[g] — Michael[h] — the Ancient of Days.[i] Has he [i.e. Jesus] a Father? He has! Has he a Mother? He has! Now to say that the Son of God was begotten by the Holy Ghost is to say the Holy Ghost is God the Father, which is inconsistent and contrary to all the revelations of God, both modern and ancient.[j, 27] This answer may suffice you — you need never inquire more upon that point. Jesus Christ is the Only Begotten of the Father.[121]

When the Virgin Mary conceived the child Jesus, the Father had begotten him in His own likeness.[k] He was not begotten by the Holy Ghost. And who is the Father? He is the first of the human family.[10] In His divinity, He (Adam), having gone back into the spirit world, and came in the spirit to Mary and she conceived.[l, 174]

I could tell you much more about this; but were I to tell you the whole truth, blasphemy would be nothing to it, in the estimation of the superstitious and over righteous of mankind. However, I have told you the truth as far as I have gone . . . . . Jesus, our elder brother, was begotten in the flesh by the same character that was in the Garden of Eden, and who is our Father in Heaven.

Now, let all who may hear these doctrines, pause before they make light of them, or treat them with indifference, for they will prove their Salvation or Damnation.

I have given you a few leading items upon this subject, but a great deal more remains to be told. Now, remember from this time forth, and forever, that Jesus Christ was not begotten by the Holy Ghost. . . . .

Treasure up these things in your hearts. In the Bible, you have read the things I have told you tonight; but you have not knownwhat you did read. I have told you no more than you are conversant with; but what do the people in Christendom, with the Bible in their hands, know about this subject? Comparatively nothing.[10] (*President Brigham Young's Doctrine on Deity, Vol* 1, pp. 63–69)

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[d]John 20:17 [e]Heb. 12:9; Deut. 32:6–8; Num. 16:22; 27:16; James 1:17 [f]Acts 17:28–29; Luke 3:38; Gen. 5:1–3; Psa. 82:6; D&C 76:24; Moses 6:89, 22 [g]Luke 1:26–35; John 20:17; Acts 17:28–29; Eph. 3:14–15; Mark 2:27–28; Moses 6:57; John 8:41–44, 54; Gen. 14:18–20; Psa. 110:4; Heb. 7; Ex. 6:3; Deut. 12:4; Matt. 27:46; Mark 15:34; Luke 23:46; Psa. 22:1; Mark 5:7 Luke 8:28; 1:31–35; Heb. 7:1; 1:1–9 [h]D&C 107:53–55; 78:16; 88:112–115; Dan. 12:1; Judges 5:13–15; 6:2; Rev. 19:10; 22:9; Jude 9; Zech. 3:2; Gen. 16:7–13; 18:1–8, 13–14, 16–33; 22:11–18; 28:11–19; 32:24–30; 35:9–15; Ex. 3:26, 11–16; Judges 6; 13; 1 Thes. 4:16; D&C 29:26; 128:20–21 [i]Dan. 7:9–10, 13–14, 21–22, 25, 27; Rev. 4:2; 5:1, 6, 7, 9, 11–13; 7:9–11; D&C 27:11; 116; *TPJS* 157, 167, *UPR* 18:16–22 [j]Luke 1:35; John 5:18; Matt. 27:43; Luke 22:70; John 5:25; 9:35–38; 10:36; 11:4; Mark 1:1; John 3:18; 20:31; Matt. 11:27; Luke 10:22; Mark 13:32 [k]Heb. 1:1–3; Gen. 1:26–28; John 10:9 [l]Luke 1:26–35

If we are to believe the above account, we must believe that at the time the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary, that he was acting as a messenger on behalf of God the Father — and that when he appeared to the Virgin Mary, he then and there delivered a marriage proposal to the Virgin Mary which had originated with God the Father. Indeed, in order to bring the whole of this matter into sharp focus, let us review this passage once more. The passage states that: "in the sixth month the angel Gabriel [i.e. Noah] (TPJS XXX) was sent from God . . . To a virgin [whose] name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, *thou that art highly favoured,* THE LORD IS WITH THEE: ***blessed art thou among women***." Mary was "troubled" by his saying and in answering her questions the Angel Gabriel admonished her not to be afraid, affirming that: "**THOU HAST FOUND FAVOUR WITH GOD** [**THE FATHER — WHICH IS TO SAY THAT GOD THE FATHER LOVED HER**]. And, behold, ***thou shalt comceive in thy womb,*** and ***bring forth a son,*** and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, *and shall be called* **THE SON OF THE HIGHEST** [i.e. **THE SON OF EL ELYON OR THE SON OF GOD THE FATHER**]". But inasmuch as Mary was a virgin, she found this hard to understand. Consequently she responded with the following question: "*How shall this be,* **SEEING I KNOW NOT A MAN**? And the angel answered and said unto her, ***The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee,*** and **THE POWER OF THE HIGHEST SHALL OVERSHADOW THEE**: therefore also *that holy thing which shall be born of thee* **SHALL BE CALLED THE SON OF GOD**." ONce she understood, Mary accepted the "proposal when she made the following statement: "Behold [I am] the handmaid of the LORD; be it unto me according to thy word." In these words the Virgin Marry accepted the proposal of God the Father — in so saying she acknowledged that she was His "handmaid" and she already belonged to Him. "Be it unto me according to thy word." (Luke 1:26–35)

Again be it remembered, that according to the above passage, it was because the Father overshadowed Mary at the time of conception, that the child which she then and there conceived, would be called the Son of God the Father.

It is this part about the Father overshadowing Mary that for one reason or another is lacking in the Gospel of Matthew — no doubt because orthodox Christians could not believe that God the Father was an Exalted Man Who was possessed of a Physical Body, much less than to believe that He was possessed of the whole anatomy of a man, or that he could "come forth like a man" and have sex with a woman, just the same as other men do. In fact

the whole idea that Sex is Evil is foreign to the Bible. Indeed, God invented Sex, for He is the Author and Creator of our bodies, and just so it is stated in the Bible "And God the Father said to His Wife, let Us Procreate our children in our image and after our likeness, and let them have dominion over all the Earth — So God created man in their own image, in the image of God created they them; both male and female created he them and blessed them" (Gen 1:26–28).

I do not doubt that the Holy Ghost fell upon Marry at the time when God the Father overshadowed her — nor do I doubt that when Mary and God the Father came together, that it was the Father that caused her to Conceive the child Jesusand conceived the child Jesus, however this does not go to say that the Holy Ghost was the Father of Jesus.

In view of what is written in Luke, it is apparent that for one reason or another, the first chapter of Matthew does not contain all the facts where it concerns Mary's conception and the birth of Jesus. Indeed, the account in Matthew neglects to mention the vital part which the Father played, when He "overshadowed" the Virgin Mary, at which time, according to the account in Luke, she conceived and became pregnant with the Son of God.

quote President Youngs statements here from JD 1:50 and 19 Feb 1854

There is however one other passage of Scripture which neither Pratt nor President Young thought to consult, and this passage completely sustains President Young in his position. The passage of which I speak is found in the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, where we find a more complete account of just how it was that Mary became pregnant by the Father. which would exclude the Holy Ghost from being the Father of Christ. "the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee, therefore that Holy child which shall be born of the shall be called "The Son of God"

Yet all this notwithstanding, no matter what President Young said, Pratt remained undaunted, and firm in the belief that the Holy Ghost fathered Jesus in the flesh, while at one and the same time, he maintained the possition that he could prove his case from scripture.

The following are a few of the remarks of President Young respecting the Holy Ghost, as he spoke them before the congregation of Elders, on the eventful evening of Friday, April 9th, 1852:

This is the historical setting for President Young's timely Revelation regarding the Doctrine of Adam-God at the General Priesthood Conference of the Church, which was held on the evening of the 9th of April 1852.

the whole thing inspired President Young, insomuch that not only did he declare that Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Virgin Mary, in the same manner that other women conceive, but also that

Consider the following:

My next sermon will be to both Saint and sinner. One thing has remained a mystery in this kingdom up to this day. It is in regard to the character of the well-beloved Son of God [and who was his Father], upon which subject the Elders of Israel have conflicting views. [As of that time, Apostle Orson Pratt had been argueing that Jesus was begotten by the Holy Ghost.] Our God and Father in heaven, is a being of tabernacle, or, in other words, He has a body, with parts the same as you and I have . . . . His son Jesus Christ has become a personage of tabernacle, and has a body like his father. The Holy Ghost is the Spirit of the Lord, and issues forth from Himself, and may properly be called God's minister to execute His will in immensity; being called to govern by His influence and power; but *He* is not a person of tabernacle as we are, and as our Father in Heaven and Jesus Christ are [— consequently the Holy Ghost could not have made Mary Pregnant]. The question has been, and is often, asked, who it was that begat the Son of the Virgin Mary. The infidel world have concluded that if what the Apostles wrote about his father and mother be true, and the present marriage discipline acknowledged by Christendom be correct, then Christians must believe that God is the father of an illegitimate son, in the person of Jesus Christ! The infidel fraternity teach *that* to their disciples. I will tell you how it is. Our Father in Heaven begat all the spirits that ever were, or ever will be, upon this earth; and they were born spirits in the eternal world. Then the Lord by His power and wisdom organized the mortal tabernacle of man. We were made first spiritual, and afterwards temporal.

Now hear it, O inhabitants of the earth, Jew and Gentile, Saint and sinner! When our father Adam came into the garden of Eden, he came into it with a *celestial body*, and brought Eve, *one of his wives*, with him. He helped to make and organize this world. He is MICHAEL, *the Archangel*, the ANCIENT OF DAYS! about whom holy men have written and spoken — HE *is our* FATHER *and our* GOD, *and the only God with whom* WE *have to do*. Every man upon the earth, professing Christians or nonprofessing, must hear it, and *will know it sooner or later*. . . . When Adam and Eve had eaten of the forbidden fruit, their bodies became mortal from *its effects*, and therefore their offspring were mortal. When the Virgin Mary conceived the child Jesus, the Father had begotten him in his own likeness. He was *not* begotten by the Holy Ghost. And who is the Father? He is the first of the human family [i.e. Father Adam]; and when he [i.e. Jesus] took a tabernacle, it was begotten by *his Father* in heaven . . . . **I could tell you much more about this**; *but were I to tell you the whole truth,* blasphemy would be nothing to it, in the estimation of the superstitious and over righteous of mankind. However, *I have told you the truth as far as I have gone.*

(*Journal of Discourses* Vol 1: <9 April 1852> 50–51)

Without a doubt, this Sermon is the most controversial Speech that President Young ever gave. Not only is it argued as to what President Young actually said on this eventful night — but what he meant, by what he might have said, is also called into question! And yet, notwithstanding the Controversy, aside from the Stenographic report by George D. Watt, there are also three other accounts of this discourse. Apostle Wilford Woodruff reported it in his diary, as also did Bishop Samuel Holister Rogers and Hosea Stout, and where it concerns the matter of controversy, all four accounts are in harmony and agree as to what was actually said. Thus we have the testimony of four witnesses, all of whom are agreed.

Hosea Stout wrote in his diary that on that night: "President Brigham Young taught that **Adam was the Father of Jesus** and ***the only God to us***. That he came to this world in a **Resurrected body**". (*On the Mormon Frontier: The Diaries of Hosea Stout <Brooks>* Vol 2:435)

In keeping with this, Samuel Holister Rogers wrote that: "During the time of the Conference, President Brigham Young said . . . that Adam helped to make the Earth, that he had a **Celestial Body** when he came to the Earth, and that he brought his wife or one of his wives with him, and that ***Eve was also a Celestial being***, that they [did] eat of the fruit of the ground until they [could] begat children from the Earth. He said that **Adam was the only God that we would have**, and *that Christ was not begotten of the Holy Ghost*, but of **the Father Adam".** (Samuel Holister Rogers Diary, 16 April 1852, Special Collections, BYU Library)

Again Apostle Wilford Woodruff recorded President Young as saying that: "Our Father in Heaven is a [being of] tabernacle. — He created us in the likeness of His own image. The Son has also a tabernacle like the Father and the Holy Ghost is a minister to the people but [has] not a tabernacle.

"Who begat the Son of God? Infidels say that Jesus was a bastard, but let me tell you the truth concerning that matter. **Our Father** begat *all the spirits* that were, before any tabernacles were made. When **Our Father** [Adam] came into the garden, **He** came with His **Celestial Body** and brought *one of His wives* with Him and *ate of the fruit of the Garden* until He could beget a [mortal] tabernacle — and **Adam is Michael or God** and *all the God that we have anything to do with*. They eat of this fruit and formed the first tabernacle that was formed. And when the Virgin Mary was begotten with child, *it was by* **The Father** and in no other way — in no other way, only as we were begotten. I will tell you the truth as it is in God. *The world don't know that* **Jesus Christ our Elder Brother** *was begotten by* **Our Father in Heaven** [but instead they believe he was begotten by the Holy Ghost]. Handle it as you please, it will either seal the damnation or salvation of man. **He was Begotten by The Father** and *not by the Holy Ghost*. (*Wilford Woodruff Journal* 4:127–130; For complete accounts

of the Stout, Rogers and Woodruff diary entries, see *The Teachings of President Brigham Young Vol 3*: <Collier 1987, Salt Lake City, Utah> 86–89)

Not only do we have ***Four Witnesses*** regarding what was actually said on this night, but President Young was in the habit of going over his speeches for *final approval* before they were published. Through a parallel study of all four accounts, I have demonstrated that this speech was edited before it was printed. It is therefore safe to say that President Young approved this speech precisely as it is worded. Not only so, but all that is stated above, was stated at other times by President Young, over and over again, in the years that followed.

For those who are disposed to argue with regard to what President Young meant by what he said on this occasion, consider the following statement which he made nearly two years later, on the 19th of February, 1854:

> I will notice another idea touching the Holy Ghost begetting the Son of God.
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> Who was it that spoke from the heavens and said, *"This is my beloved Son, hear ye him"*? Was it God the Father? It was. The Apostles bear testimony that such a voice was actually heard, *"This is my beloved Son,"* and if it is true the Holy Ghost begat him, I would add [to this saying, "This is my beloved Son], "which was begotten by one of my neighbors, hear ye him." Who was the Saviour begotten by? Oh, by his Father or his brother, or some other person. So the Holy Ghost begetting the Saviour looks to me. It makes me think of a story I heard in a dramatical performance once, that a certain individual was born of one of his aunts but he had no mother. It appears as reasonable to me to say a cousin or a fellow laborer of the Saviour begat him, as to say the Holy Ghost begat him. Who did beget him? His Father, and his Father is our God, and the Father of our spirits, and He is the framer of the body. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ — Who is He? **He is Father Adam — Michael — the Ancient of Days**. Has he [Jesus] a Father? He has! Has he a Mother? He has! Now to say that the Son of God was begotten by the Holy Ghost, is to say the Holy Ghost is God the Father, which is inconsistent, and contrary to all the revelations of God, both modern, and ancient.
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> I silenced this erroneous doctrine a year ago last fall conference [i.e. 9 April 1852, *JD* 1:50–51]. It was, I think, when a dispute arose among some of our best Elders, as to **who was the Father of the Son of Man** *pertaining to the flesh.* Some contended it was the Holy Ghost [i.e. Professor Orson Pratt], and some that it was Eloheim. When I spoke upon it in this stand before a conference of Elders, I cautioned them when they laid their hands upon the people for the gift of the Holy Ghost, according to the instructions of the Saviour, to be very careful how they laid hands upon young women, for if it begat a child in the days of the Virgin Mary it is just as liable to beget children in these days. It has all the power in this day that it had then, it has lost none. (*TPBY* 3: <19 Feb 1854> 251–252)

It will be noticed that in this statement, President Young very directly asks the question "The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ — Who is He?", and then in answering his own question, he states that the Father of Jesus is "**Father Adam**

— **Michael — the Ancient of Days**."

Again, as with President Young's 9 April 1852, statement, so also on this occasion, it was recorded by more than one individual — hence in the case of this speech, we have the testimony of two witnesses,. The second witness being Apostle Wilford Woodruff. Consider the following:

> Sunday Edwin D. Woolley was called upon to preach . . . President Young followed and made many good remarks. . . . He said that our GOD was Father Adam. He was the Father of the Savior Jesus Christ. Our God was no more or less than ADAM, Michael the Arkangel. (TPBY 3: 257)

Six months latter President Young gave a major speech on the subject of Adam-God. The occasion was the General Conference of the Church which was held on the 8th of October 1854. Without a doubt, this speech was one of the most comprehensive speeches which he ever gave on the subject, of which the following are but excerpts:

. . . . . .

> I wish the congregation to understand in connection with my sayings thus far, that the Latter-day Saints believe in God the Father, in Jesus Christ His son, in the Holy Ghost[,] God's minister . . . . . I think these preliminaires will satisfy me, and I feel prepared to take my text; it is the words of Jesus Christ . . . . my text is in the Bible and reads as follows. "And this is Life Eternal, **that they might know Thee *the only true God*,** and *Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent*." (John 17:3) I will now put another text with this and then offer a few remarks, it is one of the sayings of the Apostle Paul. "For though there be that are called gods, whether in Heaven, or in Earth *(as there be gods many and lords many)* but to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." (1 Cor 8:5–6) This God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Father of our spirits. I feel inclined here to make a little scripture. . . . **This God is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ** *precisely as He is our Father **varying from mortality to immortality**, from **corruptible to incorruptible*** **(1 Cor 15:34–49)**, and that is all the difference. He is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, both body and spirit; and He is the Father of our spirits, and *the Father of our flesh in the beginning.* You will not dispute the words of the Apostle, that He is actually the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Father of our spirits[.] You may add these words to it, or let it alone, it is all the same to me, that *He is not only the Father of our spirits,* **but also of our flesh**, *He being the founder* of that natural machinery *through which we have all obtained our bodies.*
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> Do you wish me to simplify it? Could you have a father without having a grandfather; or a grandfather without having a great grandfather? I never heard of [but] one circumstance that varied from this rule, and that was a son of the Emerald Isle who said he was born of one of his aunts. Does this unlock to your understandings **how the Lord Almighty is our natural Father**; *He set the great machine to working*. . . . . .
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> Now if you believe what you have heard me say you will believe there is lords

many, and gods many; and you will believe that unto us, the inhabitants of this Earth there is but one God with whom we have to do; and according to the tenor of the Bible, we believe there are many[,] very many who have entered into Power, Glory, Might, and Dominion, and are gathering around them Thrones, and have power to organize elements, and make worlds, and bring into existence intelligent beings in all their variety, who if they are faithful and obedient to their calling and creation will in their turn be exalted in Eternal Kingdoms of the Gods. Do you believe that? You and I have only one God to whom we are accountable, so we will let the rest alone, and search after the one we have to do with; let us seek diligently after Him, the very being who commenced this creation. . . . . .

Every world has had an Adam, and an Eve: named so, simply because the first man is always called Adam, and the first woman Eve; and **the Oldest Son** has always had the privilege of being Ordained, Appointed and Called to be the Heir of the Family, if he does not rebel against the Father, and *he is the Saviour of the family*. . . . . .

But let us turn our attention to *the God with which we have to do.* I tell you simply, He is our Father; **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**, and *the Father of our spirits.* Can that be possible? Yes, it is possible, *He is the Father of all the spirits of the human family.*

All things are first made spiritual, and brought forth into His kingdom. The spirits of all the human family were begotten by one Father. . . .

. . . . Eloheim looks round upon the eternity of matter, and said to His associates, and ***those*** that He was pleased to call upon at that time for His counselors . . . said He, "Yahovah Michael, see that Eternal Matter on all sides, this way and that way; we have already created Worlds upon Worlds, shall we create another World? Yes, go and organize the elements yonder in space . . . . Yahovah Michael go and create a world, make it, organize it, form it; and then put upon it everything in all the variety that you have see[n], that you have been in the habit of being associated with in other worlds, of beasts, birds, fowls, fish, and every insect, and creeping thing, and finally, [when] the whole eternity of element is full of life, bring it together and make of it living creatures."[t]

Yahovah Michael goes and does as he is told. What I am now going to tell you, will no doubt astonish the whole of you. When Yahovah Michael had organized the world, and brought from another kingdom the beasts[,] fish, fowl, and insects, and every tree, and plant with which we are acquainted, and thousands that we never saw, when He had filled the Earth with animal and vegetable life, Michael or Adam goes down to the new made world, and there he stays.

Do you suppose he went there alone. Moses made the Bible to say his wife was taken out of his side, was made of one of his ribs. I do not know anything to the contrary of my ribs being equal on both sides. The Lord knows if I had lost a rib for each wife I have, I should have had none left long ago. . . . .

Now about the rib. As for the Lord taking a rib out of Adams side to make a woman of, He took one out of my side just as much.

"But, Brother Brigham, would you make it appear that Moses did not tell the truth?"

No not a particle more than I would that your mother did not tell the truth,

when she told you that little Billy came from a hollow toad stool. I would not accuse your mother of lying, any more than I would Moses; the people in the days of Moses wanted to know things that was not for them, the same as your children do, when they want to know where their little brother came from, and he answered them according to their folly, the same as you did your children.

Now some will be ready to say, "We always heard these Mormons did not believe the Bible." I believe all the truth that is there and that is enough for me, and for you to believe.

"Then the Lord did not make Adam out of the dust of the earth."

Yes he did, but I have not got to that part of my discourse yet. Adam was made of the dust of the earth.

"Was he made of the dust of this earth."

No[,] but of the dust of the earth where on he was born in the flesh; that is the way he was made, he was made of dust.

"Did the Lord put into him his spirit."

Yes, as the Lord put into you your spirit, he was begotten of a father, and brought forth as you and I were; and so are all intelligent beings brought forth from eternity to eternity (Luke 3:38). Man was not mad[e] the same as you make an adobe to put in a wall. Moses said Adam was made of the dust of the ground, but he did not say of what ground. I say he was not made of the dust of the ground of this Earth, but he was made of the dust of the earth where he lived, where he honored his calling, believed in his Saviour, or Elder Brother, and by his faithfulness, was redeemed, and got a Glorious Resurrection. All creatures that dwell upon this Earth are made of the elements that compose it; which are organized to see if they will abide their creation, and be counted worthy to receive a resurrection. "What[,] every flesh."

Yes every flesh, for all flesh pertaining to this world is made of the dust of this Earth; it is all made from the same material, according to the will and pleasure of Him who dictates all things. Our bodies are composed of the same material that composes this Earth; they are composed of the water, air, and solid earth, either of which will resolve back to their native fountain. . . . . .

I tell you more, **Adam is the father of our spirits**. He lived upon an earth; he did abide his creation, and did honor to his calling and Priesthood, and obeyed his Master or Lord, and probably many of his wives did the same, and *they lived, and died upon an earth, **and then were resurrected again*** to **Immortality and Eternal Life**. . . . . .

Now, many inquiries will be made about the Saviour, such as, "Who is he? Is he the Father of Adam? Is he the god of Adam? When Christ has finished his labor and presented it to his father, then he, Adam will recieve a fullness.["] (TPJS 169, 157) That is all easily understood by me. He cannot receive a fullness of the kingdoms He has organized until they are completed. If He sends His servants off to the right and to the left to perform a certain labor[,] His kingdom is not complete, until His ministers have accomplished everything to make His kingdom complete and returned home again.

Many inquire, who is this Saviour? I will tell you what I think about it, and as the [Southerners] say I reckon, and as the Yankees say I guess; but I will tell you what I reckon. I reckon that **Father Adam was a resurrected being**, with his wives

and posterity, and *in the Celestial Kingdom they were crowned with Glory[,]* **Immortality and Eternal Lives**, with Thrones, Principalities and Powers: and it was said to him[,] "It is your right to organize the elements; and to your Creations and Posterity there shall be no end, but you shall add Kingdom to Kingdom, and Throne to Throne; and still behold the vast eternity of unorganized matter.["]

Adam then was a resurrected being; and I reckon, [that] *Our spirits and the spirits of all the human family* were **begotten by Adam, and born of Eve**.

"How are we going to know this?"

I reckon it.

And I reckon that Adam came into the Garden of Eden, and did actually eat of the fruit that he himself planted; and I reckon *there was a previous understanding,* and the whole plan was previously calculated, before the Garden of Eden was made, that he would reduce his posterity to sin, misery, darkness, wickedness, wretchedness, and to the power of the Devil, that they might be prepared for an Exaltation, *for without this they could not receive one.*

I reckon that all things were first made spiritual preparatory to the natural organization. "What was the use of all this[,] could not spirits be happy?" Yes as far as they could. . . . . .

The inquiry will arise, among those who are strenuous, and tenacious for the account given by Moses, as to Adam.

"Did not Adam die."

Yes he died.

"Does not the Bible say he died."

I do not know nor care, but I think it would be hard I think to find where he died, or where Moses died though I have no doubt Moses died, and Adam also; how? Just as you and I have to die, and be laid away in the bowels of Mother Earth; that however, Moses did not see fit to tell us.

Adam planted the Garden of Eden, *and he with his wife Eve partook of the fruit of this Earth,* until their systems were charged with the nature of Earth, and *then they could beget bodies, for their spiritual children.* . . . Adam and Eve begat the first mortal bodies on this Earth, and from that commencement every spirit that was begotten in eternity for this Earth will enter bodies thus prepared for them here, until the winding up scene, and that will not be until the last of these spirits enters an earthly tabernacle.

. . . . . I reckon that Father Adam, and Mother Eve had the children of the human family prepared to come here and take bodies; and when they come to take bodies, they enter into the bodies prepared for them, and that body gets an exaltation with the spirit, when they are prepared to be crowned in Father[']s Kingdom.

"What, into Adam's Kingdom?"

Yes. . . . . .

I tell you, *when you see your Father in the Heavens,* **you will see Adam**; *when you see your Mother that bore your spirit,* **you will see Mother Eve**. And when you see yourselves there you have gained your Exaltation; you have honored your calling here on the Earth; your body has returned to its mother Earth; and somebody has broken the chains of death that bound you, and given you a resurrection.

. . . . . When you get your resurrection, you are not yet exalted; but by and

by, the Lord Jesus Christ, our Elder Brother, the Saviour of the world, ***the Heir of the Family;*** when he has put down Satan, and destroyed death; then he will say, come let us go home into the presence of the Father.

What will become of the world then? It will be baptized with fire. I[t] has been baptized with water, and it will then be cleansed by fire, and become like a sea of glass, and be made Celestial; and Jesus Christ our Elder Brother will take the whole Earth, with all the Saints and go with them to the Father *even to* **Adam**; and you will continue to receive more and more Intelligence, Glory, Exaltation, and Power. . . . . *(Teachings of President Brigham Young Vol 3:* <8 Oct 1854> 343–374)

As with the other two statements which we have already considered, there can be no doubt with regard to what President Young actually said on this occasion, and what he meant to convey to his audience respecting the Doctrine of Adam-God. In the above speech President Young affirmed again and again that Adam and Eve were born on another planet before the creation of this Earth. Again and again it is affirmed that they were faithful and that they obtained a Celestial Resurrection and Exaltation — that Adam and Eve became Exalted Gods, and the Father and Mother of the Spirit Creation, and that all their descendants who dwell on this Earth are the Spirit Children of Adam and Eve.

President Young also taught that the fall was a part of a foreordained plan, and that through eating the forbidden fruit their Celestial Bodies became mortal and subject to death. In keeping with this, he also said that Adam was the Father and God of Jesus, just as He was also our Father and God, with the difference that when he begat Jesus He was in a Celestial Resurrected state, rather than a Mortal state, as He was after the Fall, when He became Mortal so that he could beget Mortal Children.

Once again the scriptures teach that in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established — and as with the two earlier statements, so also with this — their were four different accounts of this speech recorded, and all four of them agree in substance as to what President Young said with regard to the doctrine of Adam God. Consider for example the following:

John Pulsipher Account:

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2 o'clock P. M.

Meeting out doors — President Young said: We believe in God the Eternal Father, Jesus Christ his Son and the Holy Ghost, God's minister. The Gods are Eternal, there never was a beginning. They always existed. Philosophers [i.e. Orson Pratt, see his pamphlet: "***The First Great Cause***"] have tried to study out how the first Gods came. I want to ask them a question: Which was first, a squash or apple that produced the seed — or was it the seed that produced the squash or apple? Which was first. They can't tell — So they need not rack their brain with it — there never was a time but what both existed. . . . . Text was: to know the only true and wise God is Eternal Life

— To know this a person must have Eternal Life.

God is the father of all the *spirits* of all the people of this world — he is the father of the bodies also of the first inhabitance of the Earth also the father of the body of Jesus Christ.

The first people of the Earth was no more made of the dust, than we are — I would not make out that Moses lied, by no means. But we are made of dust as much as Adam was. So are our cattle. They are formed or created from the elements all of which are necessary to produce animal or vegetable life — as the dust of the Earth will produce grass and cattle will eat grass and increase.

Every person must have a father and mother or they could not be. So we had a grandfather or we would have had no father, and our grandfather had a father and grandfather and great-great-great-great-greatgrandfather so far back there is no beginning — They always existed on some world — and when this world was made — our God who is Adam came and commenced the peopling of it — Though He is God and had lived and died and been resurrected on some other planet — and obtained his exaltation and begat the Spirits of children enough [to] people this world he came down — and brought some of the animal and vegetable productions of some other world so that they might grow and increase here — He by eating the mortal fruits of the Earth, produced mortal children or commenced the increase of men on the Earth which is the bodies for the Spirits to live in.

There never was a time when *worlds* were not created — The work of creation was always in progress.

An Adam and Eve is necessary for every world. The oldest Son, if faithful, is the Saviour of the family — There are Lords many and Gods many but the God that we have to account to, is the father of our spirits — Adam . . . . . (John Pulsipher Scrapbook, Special Collections, BYU Library)

Thomas D. Brown Account:

Sunday afternoon: President Brigham Young delivered a discourse, equaled by none that I have ever listened to on "Space — the Eternities — of matter of duration. The Gods — Gentile Seductions and Mormon Saviors of the innocent betrayed.["] The following is the essence of his discourse:

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Text "This is eternal life to know the only wise and true God and His Son Jesus Christ whom He has sent" — "There are Lords many and there are Gods many, and the Father of our Spirits is the Father of Jesus Christ: He is the Father of Jesus Christ, Spirit and Body and he is the beginner of the bodies of all men: neither can you have a Father, without having a Grandfather: . . . . those who keep their second estate will be celestialized and brought back to dwell with the Father. . . . . We'll let the numerous Gods alone, and take the one we have to do with. There is no time when worlds have not been created and exalted; there have always been an Adam and an Eve — the first man and woman, and their oldest son is heir, and should be our Savior. We have one Father and we all are brethren."

Eloheim spoke, "Yehovah, Michael — see matter all around, go and organize a world." Yehovah Michael[ge] went and carried material: Then Michael came down with his wife, and began to people it. Michael had his body from the dust of the

planet he was begotten on, he obeyed his Lord, was faithful and obedient, died and was resurrected, he did not resurrect himself. An Angel resurrected Jesus — what Angel? I know not. When Jesus has completed his work, Adam shall have a fullness: Adam's descent was to organize people and redeem a world, by his wife he peopled it by his first born he redeems. . . . Adam died and was buried, where he was interred is not said. . . .

Adam and Eve had children in the spirit — and their children married — brother and sister — then the bodies followed.

. . . . . All are the children of Father Adam. When Jesus has done his work he will take this planet back to his Father. . . . (*Thomas D. Brown / Journal of the Southern Indian Mission, 88 – 89;*)

Joseph Lee Robinson Account:

Attended conference, a very interesting conference, for at this meeting President Brigham Young said thus: That Adam and Eve were the names of the first man and woman of every earth[gj] that was ever organized and that Adam and Eve were the natural Father and Mother of every spirit that comes to this planet, or that receives tabernacles on this planet, consequently we are brothers and sisters, and that Adam was God, our Eternal Father. This as Brother Heber remarked, was letting the cat out of the bag, and it came to pass, I believed every word, for I remembered saying to the Brethren at a meeting of High Priests in Nauvoo, while I was speaking to them under the influence of the spirit, I remarked thus, that our Father Adam had many wives, and that Eve was only one of them, and that she was our mother, and that she was the mother of the inhabitants of this earth, and I believe that also, but behold yea there were some that did not believe these sayings of the Prophet Brigham, even our beloved Brother Orson Pratt told me he did not believe it. He said he could prove by the scriptures it was not correct. I felt very sorry to hear Professor Orson Pratt say that. I feared lest he should apostatize, but I prayed for him that he might endure unto the end, for I knew verily it was possible that great men might fall. *(Joseph Lee Robinson Diary, typescript, Utah State Historical Society)*

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A Discourse delivered by President Brigham Young at the General Conference of the Church, held in Salt Lake City, on Sunday afternoon, October 8th, 1854. (TPBY 3:343–374; Reported by George D. Watt / BYP, HDC; John Pulsipher Scrapbook, BYU Library; Thomas D. Brown / Journal of the Southern Indian Mission, 88 – 89; Joseph Lee Robinson / Joseph Lee Robinson Diary, typescript, Utah State Historical Society)

Due to lack of seating in the Tabernacle, President Young proposed that the 10 A. M. conference adjourn to meet in the afternoon at the north end of the Tabernacle, where seats had been prepared.

At "2 P. M. An immense congregation were comfortably seated in the open air." "While the emblems were being passed, President Brigham Young delivered a highly interesting discourse, which held the vast audience as it were spellbound." (DN Vol 4:112, #31, 10/12/54)

"President Young preached to a congregation of several thousand, out of doors and I believe that he preached the greatest sermon that ever was delivered to the Latter Day Saints since they have been a people. Elder Watt Reported. I also took minutes." (WWJ 4:290)

An excerpt from a Discourse given by President Brigham Young, at the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, on Sunday morning, February 19, 1854. (TPBY 3:251–252, 257; Reported by George D. Watt / BYP, HDC; Wilford Woodruff / WWJ 4:250)

It will be noticed that after declaring Father Adam to be "*our* FATHER *and our* GOD, *and the only God with whom* WE *have to do*". For those who might want to argue as to what President Young actually meant by these words, consider the following:

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, that he went on to declare that Adam was the Father of Christ:

"When the Virgin Mary conceived the child Jesus, the Father had begotten him in his own likeness. He was *not* begotten by the Holy Ghost. And who is the Father? He is the first of the human family;"

President Young affirmed that Adam was the Father of Jesus on more than one occasion. Indeed, President Young established this doctrine as a permanent part of the Endowment Ceremony in the following language:

The following sermon was added to the Lecture at the Veil and was incorporated into the ceremony of the Temple as an essential part of the Endowment. Some time between 1902 and 1905 most of this part was removed. The following is that part of the Lecture at the Veil which was delivered by President Young at his home in St. George, Utah, on the evening of February 7th, 1877. (For an examination of the historical data surrounding

the Lecture at the Veil see UPR 113–118; 165–176)

Works in the Temple [the sermon at the Veil] being under consideration Prest. Young was filled with the spirit of God and revelation and said when we got our washings and anointings under the hands of the Prophet Joseph Joseph at Nauvoo we had only one room to work in, with the exception of a little side room or office w[h]ere we were washed and anointed, had our garments placed upon us and received our new name. And after he had performed these ceremonies, he gave the key words, signs, tokens and penalties. Then after we went into the large room over the store in Nauvoo, Joseph divided up the room the best that he could, hung up the veil, marked it, gave us our instructions as we passed along from one department to another, giving us signs, tokens, penalties, with the key words pertaining to those signs. And after we had got through, Bro. Joseph turned to me (Prest. B. Young) and said, "Bro. Brigham this is not arranged right but we have done the best we could under the circumstances in which we are placed, and I wish you to take this matter in hand and organize and systematize all these ceremonies, with the signs, tokens, penalties and key words." I did so and each time I got something more, so that when we went through the Temple at Nauvoo I understood and knew how to place them there. We had our ceremonies pretty correct. In the creation the Gods entered into an agreement about forming this earth, and putting Michael or Adam upon it. These things of which I have been speaking are what are termed the mysteries of godliness but they will enable you to understand the expression of Jesus, made while in Jerusalem, "This is life eternal that they might know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." We were once acquainted with the Gods and lived with them, but we had the privilege of taking upon us flesh that the spirit might have a house to dwell in. We did so and forgot all, and came into the world not recollecting anything of which we had previously learned. We have heard a great deal about Adam and Eve, how they were formed and etc. Some think he was made like an adobe and the Lord breathed into him the breath of life, for we read "from dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return." Well he was made of the dust of
the earth but not of this earth. He was made just the same way you and I are made but on another earth. Adam was an immortal being when he came on this earth; he had lived on an earth similar to ours; he had received the Priesthood and the keys thereof, and had been faithful in all things and gained his resurrection and his exaltation, and was crowned with glory, immortality and eternal lives, and was
numbered with the Gods for such he became through his faithfulness, and had begotten all the spirits that was to come to this earth. And Eve our common mother who is the mother of all living bore those spirits in the celestial world. And when this earth was organized by Elohim, Jehovah and Michael, who is Adam our common father, Adam and Eve had the privilege to continue the work of progression, consequently came to this earth and commenced the great work of forming tabernacles for those spirits to dwell in, and when Adam and those that assisted him had completed this kingdom our earth he came to it, and slept and forgot all and became like an infant child. It is said by Moses the historian that the Lord caused a deep sleep to come upon Adam and took from his side a rib and formed the woman that Adam called Eve. This should be interpreted that the man Adam like all other men had the seed

within him to propagate his species, but not the woman; she conceives the seed but she does not produce it; consequently she was taken from the side or bowels of her father. This explains the mystery of Moses' dark sayings in regard to Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve when they were placed on this earth were immortal beings with flesh, bones and sinews. But upon partaking of the fruits of the earth while in the garden and cultivating the ground their bodies became changed from immortal to mortal beings with the blood coursing through their veins as the action of life. Adam was not under transgression until after he partook of the forbidden fruit; this was necessary that they might be together, that man might be. The woman was found in transgression not the man. Now in the law of Sacrifice we have the promise of a Savior and Man had the privilege and showed forth his obedience by offering of the first fruits of the earth and the firstlings of the flocks; this as a showing that Jesus would come and shed his blood. Father Adam's oldest son (Jesus the Saviour) who is the heir of the family, is father Adam's first begotten in the spirit world, who according to the flesh is the only begotten as it is written. (In his divinity he having gone back into the spirit world, and came in the spirit to Mary and she conceived, for when Adam and Eve got through with their work in this earth, they did not lay their bodies down in the dust, but returned to the spirit world from whence they came. (Diary of L. John Nuttall, February 7, 1877, Special collections, BYU Library)

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While it is true, that the Knowledge of this Doctrine was Lost to "Orthodox Christianity", yet this notwithstanding, in fact there were other early Christians that continued to Remember and Understand this doctrine for centuries after the death of Christ, among whom were some of the Gnostics. This is born out by what is clearly stated in their writings. For example "The Gospel of the Egyptians" contains a statement that directly affirms that Jesus was the Incarnation of Primordial Seth. "The Gospel of the Egyptians" was found among a collection documents, which were buried in a clay jar. This jar was discovered in 1945, by a peasant farmer while plowing his field in Nag Hammadi Egypt. Excerpts from the introduction of this work read as follows:

[This] tractate, which is also entitled "The Holy Book of the Great Invisible Spirit," is an esoteric writing representing a Sethian type of mythological Gnosticism. It may be described as a work which presents a gnostic salvation history. Since the **mythological, heavenly Seth** ***is portrayed as the father of the gnostic race,*** it is appropriate that the tractate lists him as the author of this divinely inspired book.

The tractate is divisible into four main sections. The first section . . . deals with . . . the mighty trinity of Father, Mother Barbelo, and Son, through the pleroma of heavenly powers, **to Adamas' great son Seth**, ***the father and*** **Savior** of *the incorruptible race*. The second section . . . discusses the *origin, preservation, and salvation*

of the race of Seth: . . . **Seth comes from heaven**, ***puts on Jesus as a garment,*** and accomplishes *a work of* **Salvation** ***on behalf of his children***. . . .

Thus, *in a manner analogous to that* ***in which*** **the New Testament Gospels** ***proclaim the life of Jesus, The Gospel of the Egyptians*** *presents the life of* **Seth**. His pre-history, the origin of his seed, the preservation of his seed by the heavenly powers, the coming of Seth into the world, *and his work of* **Salvation**, especially through baptism, are proclaimed with drama and praise. . . . . (*The Nag Hammadi Library The Definitive Translation of the Gnostic Scriptures Complete in One Volume* 3rd Completely Revised Edition 1990 paperback ed. <James M. Robinson> 208)

The following are a few citations from "The Gospel of the Egyptians":

For this one [Adamas], is [a light] which radiated [from the light; he is] the eye of the [light]. For [this is] **the first man**, he through whom and to whom everything became, (and) without whom nothing became. The **Unknowable, Incomprehensible Father** came forth. **He came down from above** for the annulment of the deficiency. . . . . .

And thus there came forth, from above, the power of the great light, the Manifestation. She gave birth to the . . . ***great incorruptible*** **Seth**, *the son of* **the incorruptible man Adamas**. (p. 212)

Then ***the great*** **Seth**, the ***son of the incorruptible man Adamas*** (p. 214)

Logos-begotten one, even ***Jesus the living one,*** even *he whom* **the great Seth has put on**. (216–217)

Aside from the above the same book also contains a "Treatise of the Great Seth", the Second of which is introduced by the following words from its translator: "Apart form the title, the name Seth never occurs in the text, though **perhaps Jesus Christ is meant to be identified with Seth.**" (p. 362)

It is significant that some Gnostics even believed that "Melchizedek" was an incarnation of the Christ (p. 439), which demonstrates once again that they were well aware of the possibility of being born more than once on Earth in Mortality. However the idea that Christ was Melchizedek is contradicted by the appearance of Christ to Abraham as "the Angel Yahweh", as it is related in Genesis chapter 22.

Another Gnostic writing which has surfaced in recent years is the "Gospel of Judas". In the Gospel of Judas, Jesus is again identified as Primordial Seth. Consider the following:

Adamas was in the first luminous cloud that no angel has ever seen among all those called 'God.' . . . He made the incorruptible [generation] of Seth appear . . . . . **He made seventy-two luminaries appear** in the incorruptible generation, in accordance with the will of the Spirit. ***The seventy-two luminaries*** themselves made three hundred sixty luminaries appear in the incorruptible generation, in accordance with the will of the Spirit, that their number should be five for each. . . . . .

It will be noticed that the above speaks of Adam as though He were God, after which it states that He "made the incorruptible [generation] of Seth", or in other words, the "Elect Seed of Seth", or the "House of Israel". Following this, reference is made to the 72 Sons of Adam, whom it designates as "Luminaries" or should we say "Stars", or the "Host of Heaven". Following this a few pages later it again speaks of "Seth, who is called Christ."

Of course it goes without saying that since the "scholars" have failed to make the necessary connections in order to understand what is contained in the New and Old Testament regarding Seth being Yahweh and Christ — inasmuch as they have failed to understand this fundamental concept, they have stacked up the evidence of the Gnostic teachings regarding Jesus being the incarnation of Seth, and assigned to it the label of "Gnostic Mythology." But then, the truth be told, if many of these scholars were to be honest, they would just as well label the New Testament as "Christian Mythology".

Indeed, due to some of the content which is found in the Gospel of John, some scholars (such as Elaine Pagels) have even gone so far as to label the "Gospel of John" as a Gnostic Book. Yet as we have seen, not only are these doctrines to be found in the Gospel of John, but they are also found in the other Gospels — and not only in the Gospels, but as we have seen, in the rest of the New Testament, and in the Old Testament as well! Be it remembered that all four of the Gospels contain "Son of Man" sayings. Again, not only does John 8 identify Adam as God the Father and the Father of Christ, and Cain as the Devil, and the son of the Serpent, but as we shall see, so also does the Gospel of Matthew.

Again in Matthew chapter 3 verse 7, as also in Luke chapter 3 verse 7 John the Baptist accused the Pharisees and Sadducees of being the offspring of Cain and his Serpent Father "Sammael". This he did at the time when he referred to them as a "**Generation of Vipers**". Unlike many snakes which hatch out of eggs after they are laid, a Viper is a "Serpent" that gives live birth, just as is the case with Sammael and his half-breed son Cain.

Again in Matthew chapter 12 verse 34, Jesus also accused certain of the "scribes" and "Pharisees" of being of the lineage of Cain and the Devil, when in keeping with John the Baptist, Jesus also told them that they were a "**Generation of Vipers**":

O **Generation of Vipers**, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. (Matt 12:34, 38)

On still another occasion in Matthew 23, Jesus once again accused the "scribes" and "Pharisees" of being descendants of "Cain" and the "Devil", when he once again told them that they were "**Serpents**" and a "**Generation of Vipers**". Consider the following rebuke from Jesus:

¶ But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites ! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites ! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites ! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him **twofold more the child of hell than yourselves**. Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear ***by the gold of the temple,*** he is a debtor! Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, *the gold,* or **the temple that sanctifieth the gold**? . . . . . Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites ! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. . . . Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites ! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites ! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, And say, If we had been in the day of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets, Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. **Ye Serpents, ye Generation of Vipers**, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: ***That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth,*** **from the Blood of Righteous Abel unto the Blood of Zacharias** son of Barachias, *whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.* (Matt 23:13–36)

Moreover, it is self-evident from a reading of the New and Old Testament, that the Pharisees and Sadducees were well aware of the doctrine regarding "Cain " and the "Devil", for the evidence of the doctrine is found in Ezra and Nehemiah, and the Jews accused the Samaritans just as Jesus accused them.

Ancestral Worship

With regard to Seth being Yahweh, another passage which adds to the case of our subject is found in the 4th chapter of Genesis. After speaking of Seth being a replacement of Abel, the next verse goes on to speak of the birth of Seth's Firstborn son "Enosh". Following this, it oracles a most significant revelation, when it declares that it was in the days of Enosh, Seth's Son, that men first began to call upon the name of Yahweh**:**

And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh: then began men to call upon the name of Yahweh. (Genesis 4:25–26)

The Jerusalem Bible translates this passage as follows:

A son was also born to Seth, and he named him Enosh. This man was the first to invoke the name of Yahweh. (*The Jerusalem Bible*, Genesis 4:26)

According to this passage, Seth's son Enosh was the first to call upon the name of Yahweh. Yet notwithstanding this, according to the text of Genesis, the "Lord" that appeared to Adam in the Garden of Eden went by the name of Yahweh (Gen chapt 2 & 3). How then is it that men did not begin to call upon the name of Yahweh until after the birth of Enosh, Seth's son? This is because "Yahweh", of whom the writer of Genesis 4 speaks, was the Son Yahweh or Seth, rather than His Father or Grandfather (*President Young's Doctrine on Deity Vol 1* <Collier 1998> 37). Since Seth was the Incarnation of the Firstborn, or the Messiah, he was the "Perfect One" or the "Lamb without Blemish" — hence at the time of birth, he inherited his Father's name. This is the substance of Hebrews chapter 1, where it states that Jesus inherited a more excellent name that the angels (Heb 1:4). Again it is also the substance of another passage in Exodus, wherein the Father Yahweh told Israel that He would send His Angel before them, and that they must obey this Angel, because the Father's name was in him (Ex 23:20–23). This angel was known alternately as "Yahweh", and "the Angel Yahweh" (Gen 16:7–13; Gen 22:11–17; Ex 3:1–15; Judges 6:11–25; 13:2–23; For more on this see: "The Father and the Son, the Two Gods of the Old Testament" <Collier 1995>, published in ***Doctrine of the Priesthood*** Vol 12: <April 1995> No. 4).

Another passage which speaks of this is found in Proverbs. Consider the following:

Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? [Yahweh] who hath gathered the wind in his fists? [Yahweh] who hath bound the waters in a garment? [Yahweh] who hath established all the ends of the earth? [Yahweh] what is His Name, [Yahweh] and What is His Son's Name, if thou canst tell? [Yahweh!] (Proverbs 30:4).

Inasmuch as the Patriarchal order was in vogue during the days of Adam, men did not begin to call upon the name of the Son Yahweh until after he began to have sons and a Clan — of which as it states in Genesis, Enosh was the first. Indeed, as the Old Testament attests, ultimately the whole House of Israel became the Clan of Yahweh.

It is important at this point for us to understand that even though Seth was the Firstborn and Birthright Heir of the Father — and even though he had been foreordained as the Messiah God of the entire Family of Adam — yet this notwithstanding, according to Prophecy, it would not be until after the Apostasy of the House of Israel — after they had denied their God and Crucified their Messiah — and after the Times of the Gentiles had been ushered in by the Apostles of Christ — it would not be until this time that

Yahweh would assume the role of God and Saviour to the whole family of Adam. That this is so is attested throughout the New and Old Testament.

We see from this then, that the worship of Yahweh before the time of Jesus, was through his *Family* or *Clan,* which ultimately became the House of Israel — and hence **Ancestral Worship**. Indeed, not only is this true in the case of the **Clan** of the Son Yahweh, but it is also true in the case of the *Family of the Divine Father* — for **God the Father** is ***the literal Father*** of the whole Family of ManKind (Acts 17:27–29; Luke 3:38). Indeed God the Father is the being who **Procreated Man** in His own "Image" and after His own "Likeness". He is therefore the being *to whom we owe* ***allegiance,*** for He gave us life, and all that we have, and hence our ***obligation*** to Him in matters of **Worship** — in other words **Ancestral Worship!** In short, it is just as President Young said "Adam *is* **Our Father** and **Our God** and *the* **Only God** *with whom we have to do."* (***JD*** 1:51)

Actually though when President Young said this he was quoting from the New Testament:

> For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many [i.e. the 70 sons of El Elyon],) But to us [— not necessarily to all others, but to us] there is **but one God**, the **Father**, of whom are all things*, and we in him; and **one Yahweh**** **Jesus Christ**, by whom are all things***, and we by him. (1 Cor 8:5–6)

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* NOTE: "All Things" is an obscured equation for "all the Sons of God".

**NOTE: In the Old and New Testament, "Yahweh" has been displaced with the word "Lord". This practice began with the translation of the Septuagint about 300 years before Christ. In the above text, I have reinserted "Yahweh" back into its rightful place.

**Note: "All things" as used here is an obscured equation for "all the Elect Seed" of the Son Yahweh.

Once again as we have seen, aside from the Father and the Son, there are other gods, even 70 gods — yet according to scripture the only Gods with whom we have to do are **our Divine Father** and **His Birthright Son Yahweh**. Again it is evident from the above, that in the case of the Father, as well as in the case of the Son — in both cases it is **Ancestral Worship** — for all ManKind are the *Offspring of One Divine Father,* and this is true not only in the spirit, but also in the Flesh (Acts 17:27–29; Luke 3:38; Heb 12:9). Not only so, but **for those who are of the Covenant Race**, *the same is also true* in the case of **the Son Yahweh**.

As for the Gentiles, through baptism they have the option to chose to take upon themselves *the name of Christ,* whereby they become **adopted**

to him as *sons and daughters.* Not only so but for all those WHO ARE FAITHFUL, they have the promise that they will be BORN AGAIN ON THE EARTH as *the veritable Children of* the **CHRIST** during the Millennium, at which time they will be raised as "calves of the stall", and at which time the **CHILDREN OF CHRIST** will become "**JOINT HEIRS** *with* **CHRIST**", when they and their children will "**INHERIT THE EARTH**". Hence, in all this, we have a perfect example of **ANCESTRAL WORSHIP!**

I might add that on this count Apostle Orson Pratt was out to lunch — for he thought that men ought to worship particles of the Holy Spirit wherever found — and this too, in spite of the fact that they have no relation to us. Indeed Pratt was just as President Young said: Pratt was more into the philosophy of men than into the Restored Gospel.

In short, we see in the ancient practice of **ANCESTRAL WORSHIP** the remains of a **FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINE OF THE RESTORED GOSPEL** — that the day will come when *the faithful* will become "**GODS**" (D&C 76:54–60; 132:20–24). But to whom shall the faithful become "gods"? ***To their own posterity*** of course, and hence **ANCESTRAL WORSHIP!** Indeed, the beginnings of Ancestral Worship is found right in the 10 Commandments: "**HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER!**" When this commandment is seen in view of the **RESTORED GOSPEL**, together with the Doctrine of the **ETERNAL FAMILY**, a whole New Vista of Revelation appears on the Horizon.

Not only so, but the Doctrine of **ANCESTRAL WORSHIP** was *fundamental* to the Council of 70 gods at the beginning of the world. After all, *to whom were the 70 sons of El Elyon to be gods!* Well, ***to their own children,*** of course! To be sure the 70 were not "Perfect", nor did they have their "Exaltation", yet they were nonetheless the sons of God — and on top of this, they were also the fathers of their own children — consequently they became gods to their own posterity after them.

This is the essence of Deuteronomy chapter 32 verse 9. As we have already seen, the Most High God divided up the Council of His 70 sons, and made them Patriarchs of 70 different Nations, where ultimately they became gods to their own posterity after them. In fact not only is this taught in Deuteronomy 32, but it is also taught in Deuteronomy chapter 4, where another incredible passage of Scripture is found. Speaking to Israel Moses said:

> And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, ***even all the host of heaven***, shouldest be driven *to worship them,* and serve them, **WHICH YAHWEH THY GOD** ***hath divided unto*** **ALL THE NATIONS UNDER THE WHOLE HEAVEN.** But Yahweh hath taken you [i.e. Israel] . . . to be unto him **A PEOPLE OF INHERITANCE**, as ye are this day. (Deut 4:19–20)

The above passage states that Father Yahweh divided up "all the host of heaven" to be gods to the other nations, while at one and the same time it

also states that the House of Israel had been reserved as a special inheritance for the Son Yahweh. We already know why the Father did this, because as it tells us in Deuteronomy 32:

Yahweh's Inheritance was His Own Children — ***Jacob is the Lineage of His Hereditary Line.*** (Deut 32:9)

In view of the above, it is obvious that the 4th chapter of Deuteronomy is talking about the same doctrinal theme of which Deuteronomy 32 speaks. Indeed, "all nations under the whole heaven" alludes to the 70 nations which were divided out and given a Territorial Heritage by the Most High God, at the time of Adam. In keeping with this, "all the Host of Heaven" speaks of the 70 sons of El Elyon/Ab Adam, who came down on Earth in company with Yahweh, and who became fathers and Patriarchs over 70 different nations, just the same as Yahweh did in the case of the House of Israel. In other words, the 70 sons of El Elyon were appointed to be gods over their own posterity after them, just as was Yahweh — the difference being that they were not the "Firstborn" — nor were they the foreordained "Messiah" — nor were they "Perfect"! Yet all this notwithstanding, they were still the sons of God, and they were still appointed to be gods over their own posterity after them — hence "**Ancestral Worship**"!

We have already seen, that in the beginning, these 70 sons were commanded to bow down and worship the New Born Babe Yahweh, knowing full well that the day would come when he would become Christ the Messiah to them, and to all their posterity after them. Yet all this notwithstanding, as of that time, these 70 sons were not included in the Covenant. Nor would they be until the Covenant Race had sinned against their God and Crucified their Messiah. It would not be until then, that the 70 sons of El Elyon, together with all their posterity, would be offered "adoption" into the Covenant Race, and thereby become partakers of the blessings of Heirship as sons and daughters in the family of the Son Yahweh.

Consequently, from the time of the beginning until the time of Jesus, the 70 Patriarchs were made to be gods to their own posterity after them — in other words, "**Ancestral Worship**!" This then is the substance of the Discussion in Psalms 82:

God [i.e. the Son Yahweh] standeth in the congregation of the mighty; *he judgeth among* ***the gods***. How long will ye judge unjustly and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked. [What we are reading here is the counsel of the Christ to his brethren of the Divine council.]

[But] they [i.e. the gods, or the brothers of Yahweh] know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. ***I have said,*** Ye are gods**;** ***and all of you are*** Children of the Most High [i.e. Children of God the Father]. **But** ***ye shall die like men,*** **and** *fall like one of*

the princes.

Arise, O God, [i.e. Yahweh the Christ and] judge the earth: for [in the end of the world] Thou Shalt Inherit All Nations. [This inheritance of the whole earth and the Gentiles occurs at the time of the Millennium, but for the time being Yahweh is the especial God and Saviour of the House of Israel.] (Psa 82:1–8)

This Psalm states that these "gods" are the children of the "Most High". In keeping with this, Jesus is also identified as the "Son of the Most High" in the Gospel of Luke and Mark (Luke 1:32, 35; 8:28; Mark 5:7). In other words, these "gods" "in the Congregation of the mighty" are Yahweh's brethren, or his "fellows", just as it is stated in the 45 Psalm (Psa 45:7).

It is evident from the above that Yahweh is disappointed with his ***"fellows"***. It would appear that they did not stay in touch with their children, and that they failed to teach them right from wrong. And now because of this the whole world is in chaos. But Yahweh tells the remedy. Even though these "gods" are "the Children of the Most High", yet they will still find it necessary to do another stint on earth, just as the Son Yahweh would — at which time they will "die like mortals, and fall like one of the princes". At this time they will learn their lessons, and if they are to be saved at all, it will be through the atoning merits of the Son Yahweh Jesus Christ their Messiah.

Indeed, according to the 1st chapter of Hebrews, this is precisely what these "gods" were told at the beginning of the world:

And again, when he bringeth in the **FirstBegotten** into the world, he saith, And **let all the angels of God worship him**. (Heb 1:6)

The Parabole of the Wheat and the Tares

In closing, let us consider Jesus' parable of the "Wheat" and the "Tares". Indeed, herein we will discover many themes that fit like a hand in a glove with the thesis of this work:

Another parable spake he unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto ***a man*** which sowed *good seed in his field:* But while men slept, ***his enemy*** came and *sowed tares among the wheat,* and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir . . . from whence . . . [cometh these] tares? He said unto them, An *enemy hath done this.* . . .

Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and . . . his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, *He that soweth the good seed* is **the Son of man** [that is Seth or Jesus]; ***The field is the world*** [at the time of the beginning]; the good seed are **the Children of the Kingdom [or the Covenant Race]**; but the tares are the ***children of the wicked one*** [who is Cain]; The **Enemy** that **Sowed Them** is the **Devil** [or Cain]; *the harvest is the end of the world;* (Matt 13:24–30, 36–43)

In the above passage Jesus identifies himself as Seth. Over and over again in the New Testament Gospels Jesus equates himself with "the Son of Man" or "**the Son of Adam**" — and in the above parable he teaches that the "Son of Man sowed ***the good seed***". *But when did Jesus sow the* "**Good Seed**"? This took place at the beginning of the world, *during his incarnation as* **Seth.** It was at this time that he became the **Patriarch** and **father** of the "**Covenant Race**", which race, the above parable identifies as "**the children of the Kingdom**".

Once again all of this fits perfectly with Deuteronomy 32, wherein it states that:

Yahweh's Inheritance was His Own Children — *Jacob is the Lineage of His Hereditary Line.* (Deut 32:18–20)

Again in the above parabole, not only does Jesus speak of the "**Good Seed**" being sown by "The Son of Man" — but he also speaks of the "**Evil Seed**", which was sown by the "Devil". Indeed, the "**Wicked Seed**" are the "Tares",[8] which as he states, are the "**Children of the Wicked One**", whom he identifies as the "Devil".

Once again, this parabole speaks of a time at the beginning of the world, when both "The Son of Man" and the "Devil" had physical bodies — at which time the Son of Man "Sired" the "Good Seed", and the Devil sowed the "Evil Seed". Hence, according to Jesus' parable, both the Devil and the Christ have offspring on Earth in the flesh. The Offspring of the Son of Adam/Seth/Jesus, are the "Good Seed", which in the end of the world will be taken up and saved — while at one and the same time, the Elect Seed or offspring of the Wicked One/the Devil/Cain are the "Tares", or that "Wicked Seed" that will be burned at the end of the world. All of this fits like a hand in a glove with the curse of "enmity" which was decreed by God in Genesis, and which was to exist between the seed of Eve and the Seed of Sammael. Once again, as the curse was decreed by God in the Garden, there would be "Enmity" between the Seed of the Woman and the Seed of the Serpent:

> And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed . . . 15 **And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed**; her seed shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise their heel. [i.e. her seed shall strike thy seed **in the face**, and thy seed shalt strike the seed of the woman **in the back.** (Gen 3:9–16)

Again the message here is that the Seed of the Serpent, or the Elect Seed of Cain, would inherently hate the seed of Eve, while the seed of Eve would inherently hate the Elect Seed of the Serpent. This would be true for the most obvious of all reasons — indeed due to the fundamental essence of

their being, and the fundamental intent of their existence, there could be no meeting ground. Hence they would inherently be born enemies.

It is most significant that the dieing words of King David were spoken in reference of these beings. As he then said:

> But the sons of Belial [i.e. the sons of Sammael] shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands: But the man that shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place [i.e. the burning of the wicked at the time of the Second Coming]. (2 Samuel 23:6–7)

One More Thought

In closing I would just like to leave you with one last Thought: Who would have the ***audacity*** to change the story line of the Bible, and write Cain into Genesis as the Firstborn Son of the Father. Well, of course, this is obvious, the Sons and High Priests of Cain — they are the ones who would do this.

Again another related question: Who would have the ***audacity*** to removed the Divine name of "Yahweh" from the text of the Old Testament, some odd Two Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Plus Times, under the supposed idea that it was too sacred to say — and then after this, to go on and replace it with the words: "the Lord", which just happens to be the precise dictionary definition for "Baal". Who was "Baal" anyway? Well, as everyone then understood, "Baal" was the Canaanite name for Satan. And as for who would exchange the name of "Yahweh" for "the Lord" — the answer to this question is also obvious — it was the sons and High Priests of Baal who replaced the name of "Yahweh" with "the Lord" in the Old Testament!!

Regarding the Adam-God Doctrine

Just one other thought: No doubt there will be those who recognize the "**Adam-God Doctrine**" in all this. To be sure it must be admitted that this is the case! Indeed, as we have amply Witnessed, there are in the ***New and Old Testament*** **Many Passages** ***of Scripture*** which defy all Understanding, *without first coming to grips* with the Doctrine that President Young Taught, when he **Proclaimed** to the world, that "Adam is our **Father** and our **God** and **the Only God** with whom we have to do!" ***(Journal of Discourses*** 1:50–51)

Indeed, in keeping with what Jesus said, we must conclude that President Young was Jesus' Prophet, when he proclaimed the Secret name of God to the whole world, for Jesus himself informed his disciples that:

> no man knoweth **who the Son is**, ***but the Father;*** and [no man knoweth] **who the Father is**, ***but the Son,*** **and he to whom the Son will reveal him.** (Luke 10:22)

With Regard to the Resurrection
&
Being Born Again
or
Being Born More than Once in Mortality

With regard to the Resurrection, there are two fundamental concepts. One of these is in keeping with traditional understanding — when a spirit reenters the corpse of its former possession, at the time of its quickening — at which time it is literally Restored to Life and raised from its Grave.

Aside form this however, there is also another concept of the Resurrection with which the Latter Day Saints are not so familiar. This Resurrection takes place when the spirit of a dead person is born again on earth as a new born babe, through the ***Natural Process*** of **Birth and Procreation**. In fact both of these ideas can be found in the Bible. Not only so, but both were taught by the Prophet Joseph Smith. For example the Old Testament Prophets taught that worthy parents of the past would be married and have children in the Millennium. In keeping with this, they also taught that worthy children of the past would be born again into their families during the Millennium *(i.e. according to the order of their Priesthood Sealings)*, and hence the beginning of the Promise of Eternal Family in the House of Israel.

Again, the New Testament speaks of the "First and Second Resurrection". The "First Resurrection" is the Resurrection of the "Righteous", when they will be brought into the Millennial Kingdom of Christ — while the "Second Resurrection" is the Resurrection of the "Wicked", that will occur at the end of the Millennium. According to scripture, at this time the "wicked" will be unleashed from the pit and allowed once again to come up on top side, where they will be born again on Earth in mortal flesh. This doctrine was written about by early Christian writers, and continued to be taught as doctrine in the Christian Church, until the doctrine of the Preexistence was condemned as Heresy.

In keeping with this, according to the Revelations of the Prophet Joseph Smith, there are four different types of the Resurrection. There is the Resurrection to a Telestial body — the Resurrection to a Terrestrial body — and the Resurrection to a Celestial body. On top of this, for those who become the Sons of Perdition, there is also "the Resurrection of the Damned". However the ultimate "Resurrection of the Damned" is reserved for those intelligencies who have suffered the "Second Death" (Rev 20:12–14), which is the Death and Dissolution of the spirit body. After experiencing this death, they will become the "Sons of Perdition" by being born again, both in the spirit and the flesh. However this rebirth will not be into the family of God, but rather into the family of the Serpent, at which time they become the children of Samauel, whom by their "works" they have enlisted to serve.

This then is the essence of the "Resurrection of the Damned". Indeed, not only do they become the veritable children of Satan — but through the Death of their Spirit Body, they experience a complete separation from God and His Family. This separation is brought about by loosing that which brought them into an association with God and Family in the firstplace, namely, their physical and spiritual bodies. As a consequence to this, they loose the Divine Image, and are left as they were before they entered the Family of God. Consequently they are no longer like unto God and they are no longer His children, for that which made them his children is taken from them, and given to another "who will bring forth the fruit thereof". This then is the essence of "the Resurrection of the Damned" — just as it is also the essence of the Parable of the Talents and that "Son of Perdition" who is cast away into "Outer Darkness". Hence, the "Second Death" is the final count in the judgment of "Eternal Damnation", for in loosing our spirit bodies, our relationship with God is completely severed — so much then for "Unconditional Love".

Traditionally speaking, most Latter Day Saints have **presumed**, that regardless of which type of Resurrection we receive, whether Telestial, Terrestrial or Celestial — that once we are Resurrected, we are placed beyond the power of Death, and that we will continue to live and endure in the Resurrected body that we inherit for all Time and Eternity. However, this is an **Unwarranted Assumption**. Indeed, we are informed in Scripture, that the only Resurrection unto "Eternal Life" is the Resurrection to a Celestial Body. The idea to be understood here, is that neither the Telestial nor Terrestrial Resurrection constitute a Resurrection to "Eternal Life" — the reason being that the Telestial and Terrestrial Kingdoms are not a Permanent Abode. Consequently, at one time or another, those who enter the Telestial or Terrestrial kingdoms will experience another death. This death might take place in the Twinkling of an Eye, at which time they will inherit something far greater — or it might be a death whereby they inherit a kingdom which is lesser. As for the "Resurrection of the Damned", while it is true that they go to a "Permanent Abode", yet it is not a world of "Eternal Life", but rather, a world of "Eternal Death" — and a world too, wherein there is no "Glory" and no possibility of "Progression" or "Growth" in the God-Like Direction.

In keeping with all this, we learn from the Endowment Ceremony, that *the world as it existed before the Fall* was a **Terrestrial World**, wherein there was ***no Mortal Death*** — and that the world as it came to exist *after the "Fall"* was a "**Telestial World**", wherein there was *Mortal Death*. From this we are given to understand that even if the fallen world in which we live is not "the Telestial Kingdom" — yet even still, *it is nonetheless* "**a Telestial World**". Consequently, *the bodies that we possess here on earth* are "**Telestial Bodies**". This being the case, if after death we receive a judgment to the "**Telestial Kingdom**", we will at that time receive *yet another Resurrection* to a "**Telestial Body**", and be brought into *another life in Mortality*.

In keeping with all this, the Prophet Joseph Smith, together with his brother Hyrum Smith, President Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, George Q. Cannon, B. H. Roberts and James E. Talmage, all taught that it is possible to progress from the Telestial Kingdom to the Terrestrial and Celestial Kingdom. And yet according the Restored Gospel, we must successfully pass through a Mortal Probation, before we will be allowed to enter the Celestial Kingdom. In other words, in order to progress from the Telestial Kingdom to the Terrestrial or Celestial, we must successfully pass through a Probationary State in Mortality, which as we have seen is a Telestial world — and a world too, by which we would experience ***another Resurrection*** to a **Telestial body** *through the natural process* of **Birth and Procreation**.

In keeping with this, the Prophet Joseph Smith taught that it is not possible for us to learn all that we need to learn in this lifetime. This leads to the conclusion that it is necessary for us to live **more than once** ***on Earth,*** in order to learn *all that our Father would have us learn* **in Mortality**.

Again, it is self evident that from the time of the Fall to the Present, the Earth upon which we live, has been passing through **a Series of Phases**, wherein those who dwell thereon, live through *certain fundamental experiences,* which are necessary, in order to prepare them for life in ***a better world***. This better world is the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ, the essence of which is "**Heaven on Earth**". At the time of the Millennium, *the Earth will be changed* once again to a "**Terrestrial World**", and for all those who are in the Millennial Kingdom of Christ, the process of death will be halted for a 1000 years — hence those who live in the Millennial Kingdom of Christ will receive a Resurrection to a Terrestrial body.

We have then, from the time of the Fall to the Millennial Reign of Christ, a duration of 6,000 years, and the opportunity to experience as many lives as it takes in Telestial Mortality, to learn what we need to learn, and to become what we need to become, in order to be worthy and prepared for a Resurrection to a Terrestrial body, and life in a Terrestrial world. This is the essence of what the Prophet Joseph Smith taught Eliza R. Snow. Consider the following:

8 June 1889: During our talks he [i.e. Lorenzo Snow] told me [i.e. Orson F. Whitney] that his sister, the late Eliza R. Snow Smith was ***a firm believer in the principle of*** **Reincarnation** and that *she claimed to have received it* ***from Joseph the Prophet***, her husband. He said he [i.e. Lorenzo Snow] **saw nothing unreasonable in it**, and could believe it, *if it came to him from the Lord* ***or His oracle***. He said [words cut out] he told me that he heard Jos. Smith tell a man once that *he would become a god and reign in glory,* but that *before that he would have to be crucified* ***as Christ was*** [all of which would require another life in mortality]. That man is still living [words cut out]. (Diary of Apostle Orson F. Whitney, 8 June, 1889, special Collections, University of Utah Library)

For those who prepare themselves to live in the Millennial Kingdom of Christ, they will become participants in the blessings of the "First Resurrec-

tion", where ultimately they will be born again on Earth as the veritable Children of Christ. As such they will become members of his family Kingdom, and "Joint Heirs" in the family "Dynasty", which Jesus will establish over all the Earth during his Millennial Reign. At this time *worthy families which were foreordained through temple ordinances,* will be brought together by birth, *according to the order* of their **Priesthood Sealings**. In this better world they will have the privilege of watching their families grow and inherit all the blessings which are promised to the Saints who live the Gospel.

During the time of the Millennial Reign of Christ, all those so blessed will enter into another probationary state, and another "School of Life", wherein essentially they will sit at the feet of Christ. Through his teaching, together with hands on experience, they will be taught and prepared by Christ for a Resurrection to a Celestial Body and Life on a Celestial World. Only those who are worthy of the "First Resurrection" will be admitted into the Millennial Kingdom of Christ — and only those in the Millennial Kingdom of Christ will be admitted to his "School". In keeping with this, only those who succeed in this "School" will be Prepared for a Celestial Resurrection and Life on a Celestial World. At the time appointed, those who successfully pass through this School will receive a Resurrection to a Celestial body — but this will not take place until the Millennial Reign of Christ is over. At this time, the gate to the great pit will be opened, when Satan and his Minions will be released and allowed once again to be born on Earth in the Flesh (Rev 20:1–3, 5, 8). At this time the disciples of Christ will be tried once again to the very Core. In the end, the living Earth will pass through death, at which time Satan and all his Minions will be cast away into their own place in Outer Darkness or Outer Space. Following this the Earth itself will be *brought back to life,* at which time it will be Resurrected with a Celestial Body and the glory of the Celestial Kingdom. As of this time the Earth will become a Permanent Abode for all those who have lived worthy to receive a Celestial Resurrection, and live on a Celestial World.

Now let us see if we can put all this together in terms of Church History. As we have already seen, Eliza R. Snow, testified that her husband, who was the Prophet Joseph Smith, told her that we live more than once as mortal beings on Earth. In keeping with this President Lorenzo Snow told Apostle Orson F. Whitney that he had no problem with this doctrine.

Again, during the expulsion of the Saints from Missouri, Apostle Orson Hyde turned Apostate and became States Witness against the Prophet Joseph Smith. Later, while crossing the prairie, he received an open vision, wherein he was told that if he did not repent, he would come under the curse of Cain. But how do you come under the curse of Cain. Well of course, by dying and being born again on Earth in the lineage of Cain.

In keeping with Hyde's vision, years later after the body of the Saints left Nauvoo in company with President Young, Orson Hyde was left behind as

head of the Church. When Sydney Rigdon turned apostate and tried to divide the Church, Orson Hyde stood up before the High Council in Nauvoo, and told them that if Rigdon did not Repent, he would come under the curse of Cain. In keeping with this same doctrine, later in Utah, Apostle Orson Hyde began to teach that after we die we are Resurrected by being born again as babies in mortal Flesh. This doctrine became known as the "Baby Resurrection Doctrine".

Again, after the Prophet Joseph Smith was Murdered, when Apostle Parley P. Pratt was crossing the prairie in route for Nauvoo, he received a vision, wherein he was told that the Prophet Joseph Smith would once again stand upon the Earth in the Flesh, at which time he would fulfill the Mission to which he had been foreordained. So what kind of Resurrected body will the Prophet receive when he comes back on Earth to fulfill the mission to which he was foreordained in Mortality. Certainly not in a Celestial body, for he would not be living on a Celestial world. On the contrary, the mission to which he had been foreordained was a mission in mortality, and if he were to come back to fulfill that mission, of necessity, he would come back in another Telestial body in Mortality.

In keeping with the doctrine of Orson Hyde, years later in Utah some of the Saints began to say that the Prophet Joseph Smith was born again on Earth in the bodies of their children. This aggravated President Young, consequently he denounced Orson Hyde for teaching the Baby Resurrection Doctrine. In his speeches he openly confessed that he did not have a complete understanding of the Resurrection, only that he knew it was in the Bible, and he pointed to the Resurrection of Christ from the grave as our great example. And yet, all this notwithstanding, as already pointed out, President Young stated that it was possible to progress from the Telestial to the Celestial Kingdom, which would require another life in Mortality and another Mortal Probation. Not only so, but on one occasion he even said that **Jesus had a body of flesh and bones before he was born on earth as a child of the virgin Mary**. President Young stated this in the hearing of Apostle Orson Pratt. However Pratt did not believe in President Young's teachings, that Adam was God the Father — nor could he believe that Jesus had lived on earth in the flesh before he was born of the Virgin Mary. Consider the following statement which Pratt made before the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles:

> O. Pratt: If you bring Adam [on earth] as a Spirit, and put him into the tabernacle, [then it all] runs easy with me; another item, ***I heard brother Young say*** **that Jesus had a Body [of] Flesh and Bones Before he came [in the Meridian of Time and Before] he was born of the Virgin Mary**, it was so contrary to every revelation [ever] given. (Minutes of Meeting with the Quorum of the Twelve and Orson Pratt, April 5th, 1860)

As we have and shall yet see, in matters of doctrine, the great difference between Orson Pratt and President Brigham Young, was that President Young was a Prophet of God who had his mind opened to the influence of the Spirit, while to a large degree, the mind of Orson Pratt was bound down by **False Tradition** and the **Uninspired Philosophies of Men**!

President Brigham Young: I frequently think, in my meditations, how glad we should be to instruct the world with regard to the things of God, if they would hear, and receive our teachings in good and honest hearts and profit by them. I have been found fault with a great many times for casting reflections upon men of science, and especially upon theologians, because of the little knowledge they possess about man being on the earth, about the earth itself, about our Father in heaven, his Son Jesus Christ, [and] the order of heavenly things . . . . How pleased we would be to place these things before the people if they would receive them! How Much Unbelief Exists in the Minds of the Latter-Day Saints in regard to ***one particular doctrine which I revealed to them,*** and Which **God Revealed To Me** — *namely that* **Adam is Our Father and God** — I do not know, I do not inquire, I care nothing about it. Our Father Adam helped to make this earth, it was created expressly for him, and after it was made he and his companions came here. He brought one of his wives with him, and she was called Eve, because she was the first woman upon the earth. Our Father Adam is the man who stands at the gate and holds the keys of everlasting life and salvation to all his children who have or who ever will come upon the earth. I have been found fault with by the ministers of religion because I have said that they were ignorant. But I could not find any man on the earth who could tell me this, although it is one of the simplest things in the world, until I met and talked with Joseph Smith. Is it a great mystery that the earth exists? Is it a great mystery, that the world can not solve, that man is on the earth? Yes, it is; but to whom? To the ignorant — those who know nothing about it. It is no mystery to those who understand. Is it a mystery to the Christian world that Jesus is the Son of God, and still the son of man?[n] Yes it is, it is hidden from them, and this fulfils the Scripture — "If our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost,"[o] who have no faith, and who pay no attention to the Spirit of God. These things are called mysteries by the people because they know nothing about them, just like laying hands on the sick.[p] *Excerpt from a Discourse given by President Brigham Young delivered in the New Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday afternoon, June 8th, 1873. (President Brigham Young's Doctrine on Deity, Vol 1 <> Reported by David W. Evens; TPBY 6:6/8/73)*

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